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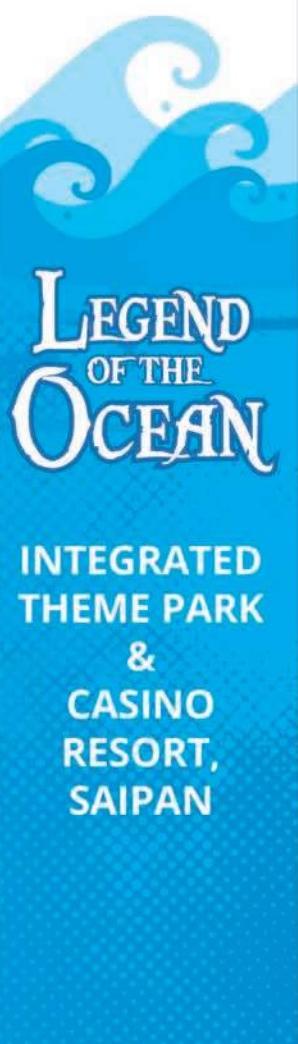
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## IN TRAINING LOCAL WORKFORCE **'Govt must get its act together'**

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**W**ith the Commonwealth now granted the five-year extension it has been seeking for the CW program, it should now start making an honest and serious effort to train its U.S. worker pool to eventually replace the 10,000 foreign workers come the 2019 new deadline of the program.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said the U.S. Department of Labor yesterday issued a notice in the *Federal Register* making official Labor Secretary Thomas E. Perez's decision to extend the transition period until 2019. The publication of that decision in the *Register* gives it "the force of law," said Sablan.

The Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies can now move forward and carry out their respon-

sibilities to implement the program for the Northern Marianas, he added.

The notice about the CW program also explained in greater detail why Perez decided to extend the transition for five years.

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**Sablan**

## San Nicolas resigns as AG

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REPORTER

Joey P. San Nicolas announced yester-



day his resignation as attorney general effective July 5, 2014, primarily to prepare for his bid to become mayor of Tinian.

"It's important to me that the people's business moves forward without the potential for conflict as a result of these personal goals," said San Nicolas in a news briefing held at the Office of the Attorney General Criminal Division in Susupe.

San Nicolas disclosed that he appointed Deputy Attorney General Gil-

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE  
Joey P. San Nicolas explains his resignation as attorney general at a news briefing yesterday at the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division in Susupe. San Nicolas is running for mayor of Tinian this November.



## 6 students win SCC scholarships

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REPORTER

Six students from five different schools in the CNMI were presented to the public yesterday after being chosen to receive the 2014 Saipan Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Award. The announcement was held during the Chamber's membership meeting at the Saipan World Resort.

This year's batch of Chamber scholars are Ginny Wu of Mount Carmel School, Kanata Omori of Marianas Baptism Academy, Magdiel Corpuz and Mariana Fan of

Marianas High School, Ye Lin Lee of Saipan Southern High School, and Ricardo Kaipat of the Northern Marianas Technical Institute.

Each one will receive \$2,000 from the Chamber to finance part of their college education.

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JAYSON CAMACHO

From left to right, Pacific Islands Club Saipan executive assistant Vicky Benavente, Saipan Chamber of Commerce education committee chair Janice Tenorio, Chamber president Alex Sablan, along with awardees and Chamber executive director Jill Arenovski during the presentation of the 2014 SCC Scholarship Award yesterday at the Saipan World Resort.

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# Local

## CUC told to identify meters for termination at CHC

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has been ordered to identify areas of the Commonwealth Health Center whose meters

could be terminated from utility services based on a determination that they are non-essential.

"Upon receipt of said areas and meters being identified by CUC, [the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.] shall review

the alleged non-essential units and state their position regarding the same," said Superior Court Associate Judge David A.

Wiseman in a written order on Monday.

The judge also ordered CUC

and CHCC to make an effort to communicate with one another for any possible resolution to their legal dispute.

Wiseman also ordered CHCC to make timely payments of CUC monthly bill-

ings, exclusive of any interest or penalties.

Pending the court's review of the briefs and the court's decision on the preliminary injunction, the temporary restraining order issued on May 21, 2014, shall remain in effect, Wiseman said.

The TRO prohibits CUC from

disconnecting electric, water, and sewer utility services to the Commonwealth Health Center.

Wiseman heard CUC's motion for preliminary injunction Thursday last week. At the hearing, CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña and CUC board chair David J. Sablan took the witness stand.

## CHCC bares priority expenses for \$3M line of credit with MPLT

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has identified four critical areas where it plans to use the \$3 million loan it expects to get from the Marianas Public Land Trust.

Corporation CEO Esther L. Muña disclosed yesterday that \$2 million will be used to pay vendors, payroll costs of person-

nel, and other critical needs of the Commonwealth Health Center, which the corporation runs.

The agency also wants to procure a dedicated financial system by purchasing AS-400. Muña wants to tap \$600,000 for this financial system. She disclosed that the financial system cost is budgeted at \$800,000. However, the corporation was able to secure a \$200,000 guar-

anteed fund from one of the CHCC federal grants, as approved by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Another \$300,000 will be used to pay for hospital utilities. The CHCC has an ongoing issue with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. over longstanding arrears, reportedly now at \$11 million.

Muña said the salary of the

chief financial officer—budgeted at \$100,000, including per annum salary of \$90,000 plus other benefits—would also be sourced from the MPLT loan. As part of the conditions of the line of credit, the first drawdown must include the CFO salary.

MPLT approved this line of credit in April this year after the corporation paid in full the principal amount it earlier borrowed from the land trust. CHCC's new line of credit is good from April 14, 2014 through April 13, 2015. The loan is assigned a 7-percent per annum interest.

The new loan comes with a number of conditions that include, among others, assurances that the corporation will hire a permanent CFO.

The corporation made a drawdown request last week but the MPLT board deferred action on it pending a meeting with the new CFO of the hospital, Jack Taisague, who was hired only on June 2.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has dismissed a 2010 lawsuit filed by the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc.'s against then-Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao.

Manglona dismissed NMPASI's lawsuit with prejudice after the parties agreed to voluntarily dismiss the action.

Dismissed with prejudice means the case cannot be reopened.

NMPASI, through counsel Matthew J. Holley, and Faisao, through assistant attorney general Teresita J. Sablan, asked the court last week to dismiss the matter.

Holley and Sablan told the court that the matters at issue in the case have been resolved.

NMPASI sued Faisao after the Kagman Juvenile Detention

Unit allegedly denied NMPASI access to the facility. NMPASI has alleged that it has one client then at the JDU that had asked for NMPASI services.

At a hearing in December 2010, Faisao submitted a letter granting NMPASI access to JDU.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge William Fremming Nielsen interpreted Faisao's letter to be a concession that NMPASI is entitled to access the JDU facility.

The judge then ordered Faisao to pay all statutory costs arising from the lawsuit.

In his order, Nielsen ordered some requirements to be followed in order to ensure that Faisao remains compliant with the statutory framework intended to protect disabled children held in custody at JDU. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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## Cattle exports to Guam hindered by lack of transportation

The plan to export Tinian cattle to Guam is being hindered by the lack of suitable boats to transport the livestock to the U.S. territory, according to Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz.

Speaking before yesterday's budget hearing at the House of Representatives, Tinian's chief executive said, "Our biggest problem is surface transportation. We only have the barge plying waters between Saipan and Guam and we're working

with shipping companies like Saipan Shipping Co. to see if we can bring another vessel so we can bring cattle from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota into Guam."

He said exporting cattle and other livestock to the southernmost island of the Marianas chain could prove to be a big windfall for Tinian's ranchers.

"I've been working with the [U.S. Department of Agriculture] in Guam through the Association of Marianas Islands

Mayors to spearhead the export of livestock to Guam because we found that live animals are more expensive in Guam than slaughtered animals. And we're not only talking about cattle but also hogs, goats, and other livestock. I do need the assistance of the central government. I've been working aggressively with the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority to see if we can work out a system of ferryboat that can actually accomplish this task."

The going rate of one head of cattle on Tinian is \$600, but he expects to double that to \$1,200 or even \$1,500 when sold in Guam's markets.

Dela Cruz, however, lamented that with the way the current government is run, it may take another decade for cattle exports to Guam to be realized.

"[That's why] I'm now trying to bring in private companies that are interested in providing that transportation service and hopefully after a couple of years we can see some light at the end

of the tunnel, so to speak."

Tinian is poised to increase by two-fold its herd by next year. Right now, the island has close to 2,000 heads of cattle and by next year, the mayor said they would be able to reach 5,000 heads.

"We are also anticipating that with the construction of the slaughterhouse we will be able to slaughter between 30 and 50 cattle a month that would be sufficient to sustain the beef initiative and be able to provide a small amount of revenue for

Tinian. Cattlemen on Saipan are also getting into the picture and the beef initiative can be a CNMI-wide effort."

Last month, Guam Gov. Ray Tenorio signed into law a bill that paved the way for the CNMI to export cattle or livestock to Guam.

The measure removed a required test for a cattle disease that is endemic to the whole Marianas but is no longer considered a major concern by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. (Mark Rabago)

## STUDENTS

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Chamber president Alex A. Sablan, who presented Wu, said that her application stated that her passion in life is to open a clinic to improve the delivery of mental health care in the Commonwealth.

"She obviously wants to become a doctor. She was confident, articulate, and thoughtful in all of her answers," Sablan said.

Vicky Izuka of First Hawaiian Bank presented Omori, saying she is very excited about Omori receiving the scholarship.

"As I have seen through the family, friends, and educators,

and personal choices made over the years, Omori has grown and developed from a shy, young student to a very confident and charming young adult," Izuka said.

Izuka noted that Omori has a 4.0 grade point average and a long list of extracurricular activities.

"School metrics are only part of the story but Mock Trial is the best. He is fast in thinking on his feet and often does the team's rebuttals. Omori's rebuttal on the 2013 CNMI Regional Championships was so devastating that one of the Supreme Court justices said it was one of the best rebuttals he has ever seen in the CNMI's history," Izuka said.

SCC treasurer Jinwoo Cho, who presented Corpuz, said that Corpuz shook hands with each member of the Scholarship Selection Committee and spoke with a "strong, clear voice."

Corpuz earned a GPA of 4.25 at MHS and has amassed a lot of volunteering hours for the Rotary Interact Club, Marianas March Against Cancer, Youth Advisory Panel, church groups, and other clubs and events.

"Corpuz has already learned in his short years that training and mentoring the younger generation is essential to the success of our island," Woo said.

Woo noted that Corpuz's long term goal is to return to Saipan after college, establish an association of young entrepreneurs, and allocate capital for graduates to pursue new businesses with the aid of certification and training classes.

SCC executive director Jill Arenovski, who presented Fan, said it wasn't Fan's 4.41 GPA that dazzled them during the interview but her smile.

"Mariana is a hardworking gal and, while other girls were lounging at the beach last summer, she volunteered more than 200 hours at the Public School System central office to analyze data and present causes of and solutions for teen risk," Arenovski said.

Janice Tenorio, SCC education committee chair, presented Lee, who will be graduating

from SSHS. Lee was born in Korea and moved to Saipan when she was just 6 years old.

"Both [of Lee's] parents strive to work hard to educate and teach both girls to strive and have better grades and participate in community events and school clubs," Tenorio said.

Tenorio noted that Lee plays the flute for the SSHS Manta Ray Band and will be majoring in Business and Economics at the University of California Los Angeles.

Pacific Islands Club executive assistant Vicky Benavente, who presented Kaipat, said he has worked consistently while attending the nursing program at Northern Marianas College.

"He currently works more than full time at the Commonwealth Healthcare Center laboratories, sometimes without any day off because of the current shortage of staff," Benavente said.

According to Benavente, Kaipat believes that "education never ends and jobs nowadays have more requirements."

"It is admirable that a man who graduated high school more than 25 years ago and who has been gainfully employed with the same company for 24 years is still finding ways to further his education and to learn more," she said.

Sablan said it was an honor to present the awardees with the scholarship grant.

## SAN NICOLAS

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Bert Birnbrich to serve as acting AG upon the effective date of his resignation.

"I have every confidence in Mr. Birnbrich's leadership as he is fully aware of the pertinent and important matters here at the Office of the Attorney General," he said.

San Nicolas met with Gov. Eloy S. Inos on Tuesday and informed him of his decision to step down and the governor accepted it.

San Nicolas will be running against incumbent Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz in this November elections.

Then-governor Benigno R. Fitial appointed San Nicolas as attorney general in October 2012, replacing Edward Buckingham who had resigned and left the CNMI.

San Nicolas said he is stepping down as he does not want to either directly or indirectly compromise what they have been doing in the OAG.

"I will never want to have a cloud or any suspicion or any potential conflict in our office

as a result of my personal or career goals," he said. "I have too much respect for my entire staff here at the Attorney General's Office and the community of the CNMI to possibly compromise the office and the public that I serve."

"It has been a privilege and an honor to serve the Commonwealth in this capacity," he added.

San Nicolas said he learned a lot from the people that he worked with, from the Judiciary, from the Department of Public Safety, other law enforcement agencies, from Inos himself, and Lt. Gov. Jude U.

Hofschneider.

San Nicolas said he considers serving as AG to be the highlight not just of his legal career but his career in general.

"I have nothing but great feeling for this office and for everybody who I had the wonderful opportunity to work with," he said.

San Nicolas said it has been a privilege to work under Inos and a great honor to be his attorney general.

San Nicolas met yesterday with the members of his management team and held meetings with his staff and attorneys for both the

Civil and Criminal Divisions.

San Nicolas said he is confident that the OAG staff and attorneys will assist and give their 100 percent to Birnbrich.

San Nicolas said that Birnbrich has done "a wonderful job" as OAG Civil Division chief for two years and as deputy AG.

"I look forward to his leadership as he assumes the role in an acting capacity as AG," he said.

Birnbrich, who was also at the news briefing, said he accepts the appointment and "consider this a great honor, great privilege."

He said it was a great honor when San Nicolas appointed

him deputy AG. "He showed a lot of trust and confidence in me. And now he and the governor are showing a lot of confidence in me again as I take this next big step," Birnbrich said.

On San Nicolas' leadership at the OAG, Birnbrich said that when San Nicolas came in, there were trying times, there were doubts as to the competency of government attorneys and there were doubts as to the integrity of the office.

"I can say he has taken steps that have certainly restored any doubts, dispelled those doubts," he said.

have all the answers. I've done my part. It's now their part."

## GOVT

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"Conclusions by economic policy experts of the U.S. Department of Labor should actually end the debate in the Northern Marianas whether the extension is necessary. As an example, what happens to our economy if we get rid of all foreign workers? The [U.S.] Labor Department looked at all the available studies, which I quote, 'unanimously concluded that restrictions on the foreign labor supply would exacerbate the CNMI's current economic problems and restrain economic growth.'"

In other words, Sablan said, experts at U.S. Labor determined that if the CNMI's CW program ends by Dec. 31, 2014, the islands' "economy will suffer and it will lead to higher prices, fewer jobs for U.S. workers, less revenue for the government to pay the retirement, the schools, and healthcare."

The delegate said U.S. Labor looked at other alternatives to the CW program and determined that there were no other visa categories that would replace the CW status.

"Non-immigrant visa waiver program under the Immigration and Nationality Act are not adequate substitutes for the CW program because the jobs that CNMI businesses fill with CW workers are not temporary or seasonal in nature and thus cannot be filled by H2B temporary non-agricultural workers and are not in a specialty occupation suitable for H1B temporary workers."

Labor also looked at whether there are enough unemployed local workers to take over foreign workers' jobs if the CW program is not extended and found out that there are an insufficient number of U.S. workers in the CNMI to fill all the jobs held by foreign workers.

"So even if every unemployed local U.S. worker is willing to take a job and had

the skills or could be trained... more than 10,000 jobs would still need to be filled by foreign workers."

### Crunch time

With exactly 2,035 days left before the CW program's extension ends, Sablan said the CNMI government should do everything in its power to train the local workforce and place them in jobs to sustain recent strides in the economy.

"Now we have to focus our attention to action. We have five years. So the Commonwealth has to become even more aggressive in training and placing local workers at jobs. The Commonwealth, our government, and that includes our Legislature, should establish programs, provide the funding, and make available and support programs for training and this would be helped by the gradual increase of the minimum wage, \$6.05 by the beginning of October this year and U.S. minimum wage of \$7.25 by 2018."

The CNMI government and private businesses should also keep in mind that the number of CW worker permits will go down every year.

"For the next five years it will decrease. So in addition to hiring local workers, businesses should become more efficient on how they utilize foreign workers. Productivity has to increase. We have to do a lot in the next five years and, of course, the secretary of Labor will be watching. He has asked the governor for annual updates beginning next year to make sure there are good faith efforts to put U.S. workers in jobs."

### Dearth of workers

Sablan said he has no idea how the winning bid for the exclusive license to build an integrated casino resort on Saipan will be able to get enough workers to build and ultimately man the new facility.

"This program is ending in 2019. Anyone who thinks they

can build a 2,000-room casino here, they better have an idea on how they're going to provide employees for that. It's not my problem. I'm not the one building the casino and I'm not the one who made a promise. Ask them."

Sablan also said that training local workers in advance of the 2019 deadline would be best served if the Legislature were less politicized.

"The Legislature has to get serious. Many of our legislators here keep saying 'U.S. workers here need to work' but they're not providing the money to train these people. They have to put their money where their mouth is. For them to politicize this issue and talk, talk, and talk does not produce workers. They need to become serious. We obviously have to do more with less after 2019. The Legislature passed resolutions in the past that said they don't need foreign workers. They made statements saying no immigration reform so they must

have all the answers. I've done my part. It's now their part."

## Automatic extension

The CNMI Society for Human Resources Management, meanwhile, is requesting the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to give foreign workers under the CW program an automatic one-year extension.

"The HR community is eagerly awaiting guidance on how to proceed with the renewal process for employees whose CW-1 visas are expiring in the coming months and in December of this year. We hope that the USCIS would give automatic extensions for a complete one-year visa period for all those CW-1 visa holders that were petitioned in 2014 prior to the announcement of the extension. We also hope that the guidance would include the provision that allows continuing employment for workers whose CW-1 visas are being extended," said SHRM president Malou Ernest.

# NMI spending on higher education lowest among peers, states

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REPORTER

The CNMI's expenditure on higher education has been found to be the lowest among peer institutions and states across the nation at only 5 percent of the government's total spending.

This was based on a recent study by the Northern Marianas College, which also showed that the CNMI has the lowest allocation per college student.

Records obtained by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday show that New Mexico has the highest percentage of state/local expenditures on higher education in fiscal year 2012 at 19.30 percent—far higher than the U.S. average and peer average of 10.50 percent and 10.10 percent, respectively. In second place is Nevada with 9.70 per-

cent, followed by Florida at 7 percent.

On the study's bottom list is the CNMI with a meager 5.0 percent expenditure for higher education.

In terms of funding sources, CNMI's NMC was found using the biggest percentage of its tuition than the annual state appropriation. NMC had the following funding source: 14 percent from tuition and fees; 20 percent from appropriation; and 66 percent from federal grants.

In comparison, Guam Community College has the following: 8 percent from tuition; 38 percent from appropriation; and 44 percent from grants. In Chipola University, 13 percent is from tuition; 50 percent from appropriation; and 30 percent grants. The Great Basin College also had 13 percent from tuition,

60 percent from state appropriation, and 20 percent from grants.

Data also indicated that NMC has the lowest per student appropriation from the local budget at \$3,988 per student.

In comparison, the Guam Community College has a per student appropriation of \$10,174; University of Hawaii Community College, \$6,310; College of the Marshall Islands, \$5,385; and Palau Community College, \$4,521.

## Historical budget

NMC records released to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday indicated that for the past eight fiscal years, NMC's budget has been significantly declining.

In fiscal years 2007 and 2008, the college's appropriation was

at \$4.816 million.

This slightly declined in fiscal years 2009 and 2010 to \$4.618 million. A further decline was noted in fiscal year 2011 when NMC was approved a budget of only \$4.463 million. This went down to just \$4.038 million in fiscal year 2012.

In fiscal year 2013, NMC was approved a budget of \$4.011 million, which slightly went up in fiscal year 2014 to \$4.162 million.

## Time to invest

At a recent board meeting, Board of Regents member William Torres disclosed that the CNMI has a law that mandates a fixed amount for higher education. However, this statute is obviously being ignored and

violated, he said.

Torres was referring to Public Law 9-5, which states: "The college shall be guaranteed an annual budget of not less than \$6 million or 1 percent of the general revenues of the Commonwealth, whichever is greater."

During Friday's budget hearing at the Legislature, Torres reiterated this issue as pointed out the dire need of the college to fulfill its mission.

Torres chairs the board's fiscal committee that recommended to the full board a \$7.8 million budget for fiscal year 2015.

Data obtained by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday indicated that in terms of the "return on investments," more and more NMC graduates are success-

fully finding jobs.

Between 2008 and 2012, job placement rates for NMC graduates increased from 72 percent to 89 percent.

Students are also increasingly successful at transferring from NMC to other colleges and universities. Data revealed that between 2008 and 2012 the percentage of NMC students graduating with an associate degree in Liberal Arts and transferring to other institutions increased from 50 percent to 70 percent.

NMC is also successfully recruiting more and more students from local high schools. Approximately 40 percent of all CNMI Public School System high school graduates enter NMC within one year of graduation.

## WITH NO MONEY TO BUY FIELD TEST KITS

### Illegal possession charge vs Quitugua is dismissed

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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has dismissed the charge of illegal possession of a controlled substance filed against Daniel M. Quitugua after police officers failed to test the alleged methamphetamine or "ice" found in his possession due to the Department of Public Safety's lack of money to buy field test kits.

At a preliminary hearing on Tuesday afternoon, Camacho said he heard the testimony of witnesses and found no probable cause to charge Quitugua with illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Since DPS reportedly lacks the funding or access to a field test kit, detectives were unable to perform a field test as to the controlled substance, Camacho said.

DPS narcotics investigator Elias Saralu testified that three baggies of possible "ice" and a glass tube were found with Quitugua when he was arrested.

Camacho also found no probable cause to charge Quitugua with assault and battery and dismissed that count.

The judge, however, found probable cause to charge him with resisting arrest and ordered him to answer that count.

Quitugua will be arraigned on June 9, 2014 at 9am. He was remanded into the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Chief prosecutor Brian Flaherty appeared for the government at the hearing. Quitugua appeared with his counsel,

assistant public defender Michael Sato.

It is not clear yet why the OAG did not charge the defendant with illegal possession of firearms and ammunitions.

Police arrested Quitugua for allegedly speeding, running away from police officers, and leaving a bag that contained three illegal guns and bullets on May 23, 2014.

Following the arrest, the U.S. Probation Office has sought to have Quitugua's probation revoked.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted the U.S. Probation's request to issue a summons and writ of habeas corpus for Quitugua to appear at a hearing.

At a hearing set for today, Thursday, Quitugua will be asked to explain why his term of supervised release should not be revoked.

U.S. probation officer Gregory F. Arriola said that Quitugua remains in the custody of the Department of Corrections after police arrested him on May 23.

Arriola said under the mandatory condition of probation, Quitugua is prohibited from any unlawful use of a controlled substance and from committing another federal, state, or local crime.

In April 2005, the federal court slapped Quitugua with a 120-month prison term followed by a five-year supervised release for robbing a poker arcade in 2004. He was convicted of Hobbs Act robbery, and using and carrying a firearm during crime of violence.

Quitugua's supervised release began on Jan. 14, 2013.

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# Bill to create governing CHCC board is withdrawn

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The bill to create a governing board for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. was withdrawn by its author just a month after the bill was introduced.

Senate Bill 18-52, which Sen. Joaquin Borja authored, proposes to amend some sections of Public Law 16-51 that created the CHCC and its board of trustees.

According to the Legislature's records, Borja introduced

the bill on April 30, 2014. At the May 28 session of the Senate, Borja withdrew the bill and brought it back to the Committee on Health and Welfare, which he chairs.

Borja declined to comment when contacted by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Senate Bill 18-52 was earlier introduced following a legislative findings that the structure and business model creating the CHCC "is not functioning" and there are concerns about Public Law 16-51 that

need to be addressed.

One of the concerns, according to the bill, is the need for a governing board instead of an advisory one.

"Healthcare is a very complicated and technical industry. In order to develop high quality and efficient healthcare system in the CNMI, it is imperative a qualified group of individuals, rather than one individual, make the decisions of the corporation," stated Borja's bill.

Among its recommenda-

tions is to reduce the number of CHCC board members from seven to five. The current board includes representatives of the medical staff, the non-medical workforce, the CEO, and CFO.

The bill also wants to give the board the power to appoint the CEO. Under Public Law

16-51, the governor makes the appointment for CEO for a four-year term.

Attorney General Joey San Nicolas recently issued a legal opinion on Public Law 16-51 in an aim to settle the issue about the board's role in credentialing medical staff.

In that opinion, San Nicolas said the current CHCC advisory board has no "governing authority" on practically all matters pertaining to the management and operation of the corporation including the credentialing of staff.

Borja withdrew Senate Bill 18-52 on May 28.

## Free Comic Book Day at JKPL

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The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will be hosting the first ever Free Comic Book Day in the CNMI on June 14, from 9am to 2pm.

JKPL will be partnering with Glenn Keaton of Green Flash Comics, which is located on Beach Road in Garapan, to give away 1,000 comic books for free, limited to one per person.

"The purpose of the event is to create awareness of the art form of comics, which helps to encourage reluctant readers to read for pleasure," said Rosalyn Ajoste, JKPL technical services librarian.

The event will take place under the tents in front of the library in Susupe.

"We will also be having pre-registration for JKPL's Collaborative Summer Learning Program, a library card sign-up table, free face painting, free craft table, book sale and rummage sale," Ajoste said.

The event will also feature a manga or anime art contest. Those interested may submit

### ■ Anime contest ongoing for JKPL ■ The Anime Shop to close down at Plaza

their artwork to Green Flash Comics no later than 7pm on Saturday, June 7.

Participants will be limited to one submission per person and the art style is limited to manga style, which can either be general manga or anime-style characters in any setting, and manga or anime style called "Chief Taga" theme.

The artwork must be hand-drawn on paper no larger than 8.5 by 11.5 inches. The artist must provide printed information on the back of the submitted drawing with their full name, birth date, village, and current school if applicable.

All submissions will be posted on the Green Flash Comics' Facebook page for viewing and voting and will be tallied by the number of likes the piece of artwork receives.

Ajoste is encouraging the public to see local manga artwork on display during the event where the winners of the artwork will be announced.

In related news, The Anime Shop at the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe is closing down and will be having a tent sale containing the last of their costume inventory.

"This could be your last chance to purchase an anime costume on island. Come dressed as your favorite Marvel or anime character and you might win a prize for best costume. Cos-play is welcome," Ajoste said.

According to Ajoste, DJ Jan Vallarta (originally from Guam) will be providing live music. There will be some drinks and snacks for sale.

"All school clubs, classes, and private vendors are invited to sell during the event, provided that they donate at least 10 percent of their total proceeds to the JKPL," Ajoste said.

For more information on taking part of the event call Ajoste at 235-7329 as soon as possible.

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp., through rate consultant economists.com managing director Robert Young, has reported to the CUC board that some "new hotels" are hesitant to avail of the incentive rate tariff being proposed for large customers.

Young disclosed that these customers have expressed "uncertainty" in the rates to be offered under the soon-to-be approved IR tariff.

"There are some uncertainties expressed by the new hotels for they don't know what the rate will be," said Young.

Originally, CUC is targeting to entice eight or nine large customers—majority of them hotels—to reconnect to CUC grid for their power supply.

As of last week, Young reported that at least three hotels indicated that their participation will depend on the final contract

to be signed.

Young specifically reported that based on his conversation with Aqua Resort Hotel, the facility has decided not to participate in the incentive program because it had just signed a contract for the fuel supply of its generators.

After extensive discussion and rebuttals, consultants for both CUC and the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission agreed on May 28 to submit a joint stipulation on the incentive rate tariff.

The IR proposal would be applicable to three classes of commercial customers, once CPUC approves its implementation. These include commercial customers with generation capacity of 400 kW or greater and generate 90 percent or more of their annual electric needs. Also eligible are commercial customers that expand their existing facility that results in an increase load of 200 kW or greater or expand their hotel by 75 rooms or

greater. Lastly, the proposed IR is also for new commercial customers with electric generation capacity of 400 kW or greater.

The purchases under the IR will be effective for four years, based on the parties' proposal.

Under the proposed incentive rate tariff, these customers will pay 33.416 cents per kWh, which includes the LEAC that is currently in effect.

Both Georgetown and economists.com further agreed that CPUC should approve an experimental tariff rider IR to CUC's existing commercial rate with a signup or open enrollment window of four months from the date the master incentive rate contract is approved.

CUC will also submit its proposed master incentive rate contract for review and approval by the commission by July 31, 2014.

The joint stipulation provides that the CPUC reserves the right to annually review the tariff and may change the rates offered.

## Reminder to community water suppliers

All community water system suppliers are being reminded that they are required to distribute the Consumer Confidence Report for 2013 to all customers by July 1, 2014. In addition, they must also deliver a copy of their CCR to the Division of Environmental Quality by July 1, 2014, and sub-

mit a certification that they have completed the posting by Oct. 1, 2014.

Acceptable distribution methods include:

■ Mail or deliver one copy of the report to each customer.

Systems that bill customers by mail should mail a copy of

the CCR to each billed customer. Enough copies of the CCR should be sent to single-billed customers that have multiple residential units, such as apartment buildings, so that each residential unit can receive a copy.

Bottle water companies should direct deliver the CCR to each of their customer's homes during home delivery of water, deliver copies of the CCR to retail outlets for distribution with retail sales, and post notices on bulk water retail tanks that the CCR is available upon request.

■ Community water systems serving 500 or fewer people (hotels, factories, bottle water companies, etc.) may either post the CCR in an appropriate location for their resident workers, or post a notice that the CCR is available upon request.

■ Every community water system must make its CCR available to the public upon request.

If any water system suppliers require assistance in preparing their CCR, there is an EPA document available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater> or <http://www.deq.gov.mp> titled "Preparing Your Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report: Guidance for Water Suppliers" dated April 2010 that they can use as a guide. If they need further assistance, the Safe Drinking Water staff are available to assist in the preparation or review of the CCR draft prior to distribution. Contact Leilani S. Deleon Guerrero to make an appointment at 664-8500 prior to June 15, 2014. (BECQ)

## NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM

Babies learn from the time they are born. One of the ways they learn is through hearing. When a baby is born with hearing loss, many sounds and voices are not heard, and the child's speech and language development can be delayed. CHCC implemented newborn hearing as a standard of care and all babies get their hearing screened shortly after birth.

Ask if your baby passed the test. If you have concerns or your baby needs follow up call 236-8709.



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# Eucon holds 16<sup>th</sup> commencement exercises

Eucon International School held its 16<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises last Friday, May 30, 2014, at 6pm. It was graced by Edward Earwood, executive director of the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools, which is affiliated with the American Association of Christian Schools, of which Eucon International School is a member.

Earwood challenged the graduates and all students to "fear God and obey His commandments for this is the purpose of our education; we are not being judged by faculty but by God, this is the whole duty of mankind."

Pastor Steve Thomas, a visiting pastor from Huron Baptist Church, also encouraged the graduates and all students to be thankful because, according to him, "it is a privilege to attend a Christian school. You're not only taught by Christian men and women but they also love you. They not only care about your academics but your souls."

Dr. Christian Wei acknowledged and thanked the parents for their support. "You are the true heroes," he added.

It was a remarkable event for three graduating classes: 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade. There were eight senior

graduates, 12 8<sup>th</sup> graders and nine 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Annual awards were also given from 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Lingge Liu, who according to her couldn't study well when she first came to Eucon, encouraged her fellow students "to trust God and be thankful, and to not let others to discourage and poison you."

Her twin sister, Lingying Liu, said that "you cannot change the results but you can change during the process. High school is not only about studies but character building. Cherish your time and learn well."

Chris Niu said he learned patience at Eucon.

Regis Perez reminded himself and the rest of the graduates that going to college is hard but that he knows that God is with him. He will be taking Information Technology at Bob Jones University in South Carolina.

Zhang Jia said that when she first came to Eucon, she didn't understand much but "God used my teachers and classmates to help me."

Tianxin "Star" Jia encouraged her fellow students to learn from their mistakes.

Cui Sining recalled that when she first came to Eucon, she encountered a lot of difficulties



Eucon International School held its 16<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises last Friday, May 30, 2014.

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such as the tropical weather, the language barrier, and culture difference, and that she almost gave up. But through the encouragement of one teacher to trust in the Lord and work harder, she is now in front of her fellow students giving a graduation speech.

Eucon traditionally gives three annual awards: the President Award, Principal Award, and Dean's Award. The President Award is granted to stu-

dents who displayed high academic performance and exemplar attitude, while the Principal Award is for students

who displayed a huge improvement, and the Dean's Award is for students who gained the highest academic stature. Eu-

con always honor the students' achievements every six weeks to encourage and aid them toward their goals. (*Eucon*)

## AND THIS YEAR'S AWARDEES ARE...

### 1ST GRADE

President's Award: Tan, Jayden  
Dean's Award : Tang, Frank Xin  
Principal's Award: Santos III, Adonis Justin

### 2ND GRADE

President's Award: Pillarina, Traci  
Dean's Award: Jimenez, Joseph Victor  
Principal's Award: Obnimaga, IG Kamiya Nicole

### 3RD GRADE

President's Award: Pillarina, Allia Raine  
Dean's Award: Hodges, Dane  
Principal's Award: Yu, JunJie

### 4TH GRADE

President's Award: Jimenez, Joannah Victoria  
Dean's Award: Yan, Joy Esther  
Principal's Award: Santos, Pauline Antoinette

### 5TH GRADE

President's Award: Santos, Victoria Nicole  
Dean's Award: Yan, Caleb Joshua

### 6TH GRADE

President's Award: Song, SeongBeom  
Dean's Award: Siasoyco, Juancho Philippe

Principal's Award: Wang, LiYuan

### 7TH GRADE

Dean's Award: Punzalan, Philip Lorenz

### 8TH GRADE

President's Award: Villarmero, Daniel EJ  
Dean's Award: Pineda, Danielle

### 9TH GRADE

Dean's Award: Perez, Julianna Patricia  
Principal's Award : Han, YuZhen

### 10TH GRADE

Dean's Award: Leong, Riselle Iris  
Principal's Award: Xu, WanZhen

### 11th Grade

President's Award: Shan, Yu  
Dean's Award: Feng, LiMei  
Principal's Award: Jiang, KunBo

### 12TH GRADE

Dean's Award: Perez, Jericho Regis  
Principal's Award: Liu, LingGe

### ESL

Dean's Award: Jiang, ShengJie  
Principal's Award : Guo, YuHao

## Hyatt to host Hawaiian Luau

Hyatt Regency Saipan will celebrate the memory of Hawaii's King Kamehameha this Friday, June 6, at the Kili Café and Terrace.

In honor of King Kamehameha, the Garapan landmark's flagship restaurant will be hosting a Hawaiian Luau fit for a king.

Hyatt said guests will feast on popular and distinct Hawaiian dishes that'll make them feel like they've sailed into the island of Aloha. The resort promised that Friday's

Hawaiian cuisine will be bold in taste and rich in culture.

Hawaiian Luau is priced at \$48 per person and Club at the Hyatt members welcome. Price is inclusive of Hawaiian style cocktail, iced tea, beer, and wine. Hyatt said there will also be a complimentary Hawaiian cocktail.

In 1763, Hawaiian *kahunas* or priests foretold of the birth of an *ali'i* or chief slayer. Little did the *kahunas* know that this *ali'i* would one day become a monarch warrior

who would unify the Hawaiian islands.

That November, a fiery light appeared in the sky just as the *kahunas* predicted, and the great Kamehameha was born. His contributions and accomplishments in the unification of the Hawaiian Islands are still remembered to this day.

Reservations for Hyatt Regency Saipan can be made by calling 234-1234 or by visiting [saipan.regency.hyatt.com](http://saipan.regency.hyatt.com). (*Saipan Tribune*)

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 5, 2006

### Grey says Tinian Immigration officers need inspection training

Immigration Director Melvin Grey has underscored the need to conduct inspection training for the Tinian immigration officers pertaining to international flights in anticipation of the island's economic boom due to the casino industry. Grey, in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, said as more casinos are expected to be put up on Tinian, this will bring more tourists and international flights are coming in. OPA affirms PSS decision on Rota school project bid

**OPA affirms PSS decision on Rota school project bid**  
The Office of the Public Auditor sided with the Division of Procurement and Supply in its dispute with one of the bidders for a Rota school project. Public Auditor Michael S. Sablan issued a decision Thursday affirming Procurement's decision to deny the bid protest filed by DK Brothers in relation to the construction of additional classrooms at Rota Junior High School. Sablan said that, contrary to DK Brothers allegation, the Procurement did not violate any laws or regulations by including the lowest bidder, Pacific Cooperation Limited, from the process.

June 5, 2007

### And now the finger-pointing

With the number of victims in the Liberation Day fireworks fiasco climbing to 13, organizers of the event are blaming one another for the mess, with nobody taking responsibility as to who actually detonated the fireworks. Liberation Day committee chair Robert Guerrero said yesterday that the staff from the Mayor's Office were not the ones who set off the fireworks. "We didn't play any role in the detonation of that thing," said Guerrero. He said it was his knowledge that the staff from Sunleader that owns Dragon Fireworks were the ones who lit the fireworks. When *Saipan Tribune* contacted Sunleader's office in Garapan for comment, its manager said they were not involved in the fireworks and that it was the staff of the Mayor's Office who did it.

### Japanese ship brings over 500 tourists

A Japanese ship carrying over 500 youth voyagers is set to arrive on Saipan at noon today for its 34th annual visit. Marianas Visitors Authority's Frank Tudela yesterday said the vessel, JCI Tokai-go, will dock at the Port of Saipan for two days. "We welcome the arrival of JCI Tokai-go. This is quite significant because it's their 34th voyage here now. They chose the Northern Marianas as their second destination stopover because of the local community's warm hospitality," said Tudela. He said the vessel carries 580 youth participants—business students aged 20-25 years—plus 135 crew members.

June 5, 2008

### CUC default prompts cut in Tinian's power

Saipan's primary electricity company, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., has failed to pay its debts to a company on Tinian tasked with operating the island's power plant, causing some customers on the island to lose service and sparking an outcry from local lawmakers. In a June 4 letter to CUC chief Antonio Muna, Telesource, which operates Tinian's power plant, claimed that CUC has not paid its monthly dues on a series of \$180,000 promissory notes that funded the plant's construction, maintenance and day to day services. CUC's failure to pay, according to the letter, threatens Telesource's ability to pay its own third-party loans and buy supplies for the plant such as lubrication oil.

### Funding cuts threaten anti-crime efforts

Local crime-fighting programs are facing deep cuts in their federal funding after the White House slashed a major grant program that provides over \$1 million a year to the Northern Marianas. The Criminal Justice Planning Agency, which administers the grants in the Commonwealth, said the CNMI would receive just a little over \$370,000 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program this year. This is a decrease of 67 percent from the CNMI's \$1.32 million allocation in 2007. The Byrne grants help local law enforcement officials deal with violent crime and serious offenders. Data from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance show that funding to all of the states and territories has been reduced up to 78 percent year on year, with the total allocations plunging from \$305 million in 2007 to \$107 million in 2008.

# Measles outbreak in Kosrae has Guam concerned

**GUAM (Pacific News Center)**—Guam's Department of public Health and Social Services is asking health care providers to watch for cases of measles, after a recent outbreak was reported in Kosrae.

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease causing fever, a runny nose, a cough and a distinctive rash all over the body. While measles generally affects children, adults who have not been

properly vaccinated could get the disease too.

The centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends vaccination at the age of one with a second dose to follow between the ages of four

and six. If a person is behind the vaccination schedule, DPHSS CDC Annette Aguon recommends that they get vaccinated as soon as possible.

"Now we have this outbreak in Kosrae but we still have the

ongoing outbreak in the Philippines," Aguon told PNC. "It's summer time and that's our biggest concern is not only the importation into Guam but also for our island residents going for summer vacation going to

visit family and friends in Asia, there's also ongoing outbreaks in the [United] States."

The last confirmed case of measles in Guam occurred in March of this year. A case investigation revealed that the patient was exposed to the disease while in the Philippines.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Kataki (The Enemy) to be staged at Sugar King Park

The Friends of the Arts will be staging Shimon Wincelberg's *Kataki (The Enemy)*, at Sugar King Park on June 7 and 8, from 5pm to 7pm, beginning with an optional tour of the Park. Tickets cost \$15 for the general public, \$12 for members of the Friends of the Arts, \$8 for students, and \$5 for Thespians. The play will be enacted on the grass in the center of the park under the large fallen tree. For more information or reservations contact Frank Gibson by telephone at 287-7476 or by e-mail at flgibson@yahoo.com. (FOA)

### CCA board meeting on June 17

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the association at 682-0050 or email at

cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

### Cleanup at Pau Pau Beach on Saturday

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be picking up trash at Pau Pau Beach, San Roque on Saturday, June 7, 2014, starting at 8am. If you would like to volunteer, meet the BECQ representatives on Saturday at Pau Pau Beach at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed. This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at

least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a brigade t-shirt. For more information about volunteering, contact the BECQ office at 664-8500/1. (BECQ)

### Air Force training on FDM

**ASAN, GUAM**—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on June 5, from 9am to 3pm, and June 6, from 9am to 2pm. The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the

area during the times and dates indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (PR)

### Family grief support meeting on June 5

A group that is in the process

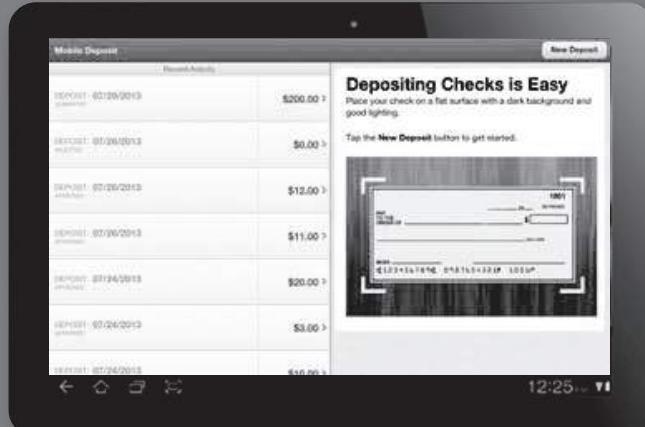
of forming a Compassionate Friends chapter on Saipan will be holding their monthly grief support meeting on Thursday, June 5, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai.

The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolu-

tion of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others to be supportive. For more information, call Jill Derickson at 989-9821 or e-mail jilld@pticom.com. To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at www.compassionatefriends.org. (PR)

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**RELOCATION OF DCRM OFFICE**

**Effective June 2 - 6, 2014,**  
**the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) is moving to the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Office in Gualo Rai at the same building where the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is located.**

**Please contact DCRM at 664-8500 for more information.**

# Opinion

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## EDITORIAL

### China tries to bury memories of a massacre

"I'm not very clear on it. It was something about the government sending the military there, and some people were injured." —Chinese college student, 2004

**I**t is not the primary responsibility of Americans and other Westerners to remember the Tiananmen Square massacre and reflect publicly on its meaning. But if we don't, who will? Not the Chinese.

Wednesday marked the 25th anniversary of the brutal assault in which soldiers of the People's Liberation Army expelled students from the public square and crushed a national protest movement.

The protests began as a spontaneous public show of mourning and respect for Hu Yaobang, a pro-reform leader who had died. They morphed into a movement that targeted corruption, expressed frustration with economic conditions and pushed for democracy, threatening the government's iron rule.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands of people were killed in Beijing when the protests were crushed. Student leaders were arrested or went underground. Lofty ideals and aspirations for democracy and accountable government were driven underground, too.

China's government is noting this anniversary in time-honored fashion: by rounding up dissidents and other citizens deemed not trustworthy, by banning public references to June 4, and by otherwise ignoring the significance of the date.

Such tactics have worked over the years. Those Chinese citizens who are too young to have lived through the remarkable spring of 1989 have very little notion of what happened. Tiananmen is not taught in high schools or officially commemorated. The sanctioned description of the crackdown long ago was downgraded from "counterrevolutionary riot" to "political storm" to "incident" and even to "fuss."

Visit the campus of a Chinese university and you'll see how effective the propaganda arm of an authoritarian government can be. Even 15 years after the crackdown, students—such as the one quoted at the top of this editorial—had at best a vague awareness of what happened and little interest in keeping the issue alive.

"You can't say it's completely irrelevant, but we don't talk about it," another student told us then. "It's something far away from us."

The memories today are just as hazy. A few people want to keep the legacy of Tiananmen alive, but the government's clampdown has been unrelenting, with reports in recent weeks of numerous arrests.

Those dramatic days produced one of the most iconic photos of the freedom movement of the late 20th century. The photo is of a lone person standing, at grave risk of being crushed, in the path of a tank that was leading a military phalanx on Chang'an Avenue on June 5, 1989.

When journalist Louisa Lim recently showed that photo to 100 students on the campuses of four Beijing universities, only 15 recognized the image. An astronomy major thought it was from Kosovo. A doctoral student guessed it was from South Korea.

In many countries that have a history of repression, economic

See CHINA on Next Page



### D-Day is patriarchy's nightmare

**I** do not watch movies very often. It is too time consuming to get to the movie house. The cost is also prohibitive even when I skip the soda and the popcorn. English movies are often dubbed rather than subtitled, making them unintelligible, and the Chinese movies without English subtitles do not allow me to laugh when everyone does. Happily, good movies are not dependent on dialogue so the visual message is sufficient to absorb the cinematic intent. Still, I have 100 unwatched movies on my HD copied two Oahu trips ago, so I do not want.

CCTV has a channel that shows foreign movies, most of it in English. I get to watch at home rather than have to comb my hair to look presentable at the box office. This past week, I watched the *Bridge on the River Kwai* and *Saving Private Ryan*. I saw the *Kwai* movie eons ago, the first anti-war movie I had seen. The senselessness of war is beautifully rehearsed in *Ryan*, heart rending no matter how we glamorize it.

*The Bridge on the River Kwai* tells of how a battalion of British soldiers kept their upper lip intact and their morale high by refusing to be victims in a prisoner-of-war concentration camp commanded by a rather "soft-hearted" but anxious prison warden who took it a personal mission to build a needed bridge. Otherwise, commit *hara-kiri* if he failed. The film is focused on British soldiers manifesting discipline, and the officers exercising command prowess, building a jolly good bridge.

An escaped low-ranking American soldier who took on the identity of an officer "volunteered" to join a demolition team whose leader revealed his awareness of the soldier's true identity. He led the team to destroy the bridge that would link the rail from Singapore to Rangoon. The proud British officer discovered the demolition wiring the day after the bridge's turnover but shortly before the train was to cross, and in a moment of realization that he was first a soldier at war rather than a gentleman to preserve honor and tradition, he fell on the detonator in time to blow up the bridge and the train in it.

The haunting whistles of *Colonel Bogey March* got the hair on my arms standing at full attention.

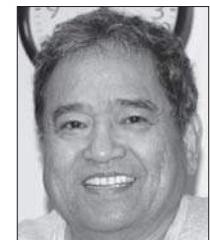
The movie *Saving Private Ryan* was about one remaining live brother out of four who enlisted during the war, and Tom Hanks' character was ordered to go find the surviving one in Europe where Private Ryan had parachuted behind enemy lines on D-Day and bring him home to his parents. Hank's character recruited six to his command plus a cartographer who also spoke French and German, and went looking for Private Ryan.

A contextual statement: The social structures on which our society evolved is a medieval clamor for ecclesiastical authority, the Roman Catholics sticking with the Pope, and the Protestants latching

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on the authority of the Bible with a contrarian individualistic bent towards the "priesthood of all believers."

In the film, hierarchical authority is challenged by American rugged individualism of personal uniqueness. The Hanks character, ranked a captain in the US Army, was a teacher who made decisions on his feet while he figured out the moral requirement of an issue at any given moment. One of the characters in the film was a captured German soldier in an encounter where one of the seekers was a casualty, making the soldier's capture a tense moment. Killing him tit-for-tat was the instinctive call except one of the soldiers convinced the captain to exercise mercy and not to let the other soldiers execute the prisoner. The "prisoner" was let go.

This is a fictional story, with overtones of morality and conscience. The seekers finally locate Private Ryan but decide to join him in defending the critical bridge his outfit was protecting. The "let go" German rejoins his outfit, was with an assaulting company, and shot the Allied captain that let him go. The "cowardly" soldier that originally convinced the captain to save the German "prisoner" in turn executes him.

Both movies gave us pause. It makes me think of Obama who fulfilled, if only partly, his pledge to get American troops out of Iraq and Afghanistan. He had not closed out Guantanamo's Detention Center yet, but as we already discovered in the Veterans' medical care scandal, he is not always kept in the loop on his own watch.

I excuse him not from culpability. The drums he had unleashed to our hearing in moving out of current theatres of military operations to the Far East, makes him less a statesman struggling with the patriarchy of warmongering than a lackey of the military-industrial complex that makes the President a marketer for the drones of war. War is profitable; it is the American way!

Year-round, I am either downwind of the Laguna de Bay breeze at Manila's well-kept Memorial Cemetery, or driving through Oahu's silent crosses at Punchbowl close to where I delivered folks' daily morning papers, or listening to piped music at Saipan's American Memorial Park amphitheater at sundown. It is time for the matriarchs of peace to take over, IMHO!

# Haye para man-magasta?

**H**u ekuñog ñaihon haf' gaige gi pachut tautau pot man-magasta. Hu letke umoppe kuestion niha layeye pot para bai' ekuñgog kau man-listu para sustansiau na tinilaika gi offisiat publiku pa'gu. Kontentuyu' ni hin-ñogohu.

Megai umekspresia makat na linala` familia ni finañagu ni baban ekonomian i tanu'. Mampos man-inaminasa ni guaguan kandet, fektus, yan gaston hinemu', 'nai gi mismu tiempu gatdun sueddon niha sin hatsada pot mas ke dies años na tiempu.

Hu komprende todú sentimentu ni malagnos gi 'nos kuantos konketsasian. Mampos didog yan te'ug i minasapet na esta machuchuda` i pusuelon binibu sinparat.

I chinatsaga kulan simiya ni poduñg ginen i botsiyu. Doku' ya ni unu limi`e estake lachog gi lugat publiku. Mali'e na daños hale'ña kontra button guma' siha gi oriya lau ni unu mumuebague' para umana` suha. Todu pa'gu man-liheñg gi mahyau na ramasña. Esta man-lolosus dispues de amotsan kaddun to'lañg.

Sige hu guadog manu 'nai masge' i konsensian man-ma`gas Marianas. Lastima krineansan mañaina-ta ni ta yute' ñaihon sa' mas presisu tirun lache na politika ke satton na modun representasion gi tautau siha. Maliñg gi talu' i hagas metgot na sensian espirituat. Este na pisu sumede maseha haye gi plaset publiku macho'chu' pot adelanton i otru. Lau puru pa'gu adelanton "betsaghu finenina".

Adahe para umafa` basula i klaru na sentimenton botadot Saipan pot casino. Estague' 'nai anog che'chu' tatamudu pot eksision finapos yan direchon sudadanu gi halom chubaskon sisteman demokrasia. Mamalefan ñaihon i seriosu yan fitme na bos i publiku. Na ti hita chumule' asuntu pot tita añgoghu disposision niha? Manu gi este na patte ti makomprende?

Este i areglon linahyan mas klaru pa'gu na debi i offisiat publiku kabales ma-eduka, mauleg finaposña gi tatkilu' na hagas offisioña

## Suffering my tone-deaf pontiff

**T**his may come as a bit of a shock to some of my regular readers, but I'm Catholic.

Shut the front door, right?

This makes me particularly sensitive to things that are even vaguely Catholic, like culinary innovations in fish sticks, so you can just imagine how my antennae start vibrating when anything on the pope comes down the information highway. I mean, the only thing more Catholic than the pope is Nancy Pelosi, that amazing theologian who once argued that abortion isn't necessarily a sin. (One would think that a chick from Baltimore would understand the Baltimore Catechism a bit better than that, but I suppose several mind-numbing decades in San Francisco will have their effect on you.)

Now, not every pope makes news on a regular basis, so my antennae can remain immobile for long stretches on end.

John XXIII was the top guy when I was born, but he shed this mortal coil before I could speak, so he really didn't make an impression.

During the papacy of Paul VI, I barely noticed he was there. That whole Humanae Vitae thing had absolutely no effect on me, since it came out when I was in kindergarten, and birth control was significantly less interesting to me at that point than portion control. (I had a sweet tooth from a very early age.)

Paul's immediate successor, John Paul I, was a nice, saintly man, but you can only make so much of an impression in a month.

Then, of course, came John Paul II, who will forever be the pope in whose shadow all the others labored, the giant who straddled three decades with courage, conviction and compassion.

It was a thankless job to follow him, but Benedict XVI carried John Paul's message with dignity and a humility that was belied by his outer trappings.

And then there was Francis, the refreshing surprise from the ends of the Earth, who ushered in the era of simplicity and outspokenness.

The media love him, especially those who normally roll their eyes at any overt expression of faith. They seem to think he's a very cool dude who says exactly the right things about homosexuals, abortion, poor people and tolerance.

## CHINA

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development leads to political liberalization. That's been especially true in Asia. But China has been an exception. The Communist leadership brooks no dissent, whitewashes history, censors the Internet, all to protect its control of the nation.

"While people's lives at a personal level are very much freer, these extra efforts to clamp down on anything connected to Tiananmen show us there are still really distinct limits to the freedom Chinese people enjoy," said Lim, a correspondent for NPR. She has written an aptly titled book, "The People's Republic of Amnesia: Tiananmen Revisited."

For those who remember, Tiananmen is an open wound. But few in China remember. That task falls to everyone else.

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yan gaige añklon espirituat para u giniha mona gi disposision areglon publiku. Sin este na kualidat, maulegña un' espiha hafa otru fayayimu. Tatnai sisida un' sasaunau munu` lebug i asuntu pot ti un' komprende haf' gaige gi menamu. Debi un' menhalom yan listu gi adelantun linala` i tautau siha gi señgoñ.

Sin ditension bai' faisen dibuenamente todú kandidatu `nos kuanatos kuestion para ta tampa haf' kinemprendeñia che'chu' linahyan.

### Lachog offisiat

Gi antes na komunida, tuñgu' on haye lalachog para ma`gas komunida. Todu fumama na`ña ya dañkulu na respetu mana`e ni tautau siha. Ala kuanta, i kumahul` ennau na ma`gas mafattu ginen eksision integredat yan onrau na fino`ña ya disposision. Gi fChamorro, Pisun Finu` Lahe! Gigon mueye` fino`mu, haf' na friniches kinilag dispues humogse hau.

Huli`e linachog este siha na man-ma`gas komunida punta pot punta dese as defunto Tun Tomas Mendiola, Felipe Mendiola, Antonio Rogolifo, Tomas Sablan, Tun Ignasion Benavente, Elias P. Sablan, Jose Fitial, Pedro (Petet) yan Pablo Igital, yan Tun Goru Camacho. I mas yumama attentionhu i abilidat niha man-adíñgan publikamente 'nai memegaiña mañgonfotme gi disposision niha.

Dispues 'nai humalum hugeten demokrasia 'nai manmabota offisiat publiku. Ai na disparate antes gi entre todú atmos bandan politika. Hu sesiente ha` lokue' i Amerikanu ni sumeha ya sige ha chatge hit man-aful` gi nuebu na direchu. Dios mihu! Kontodu sad` yan mañgokinun mame gi Karolinas man-madisfruta. Lau dispues maliñg gi santatte 'nai kayada ya mas amtau kinemprende todus.

### I pinadese tai klase

Este pinadesen tautau un' klase ha` na pañgaña napu. Hu li'e un` biyinariu machochoneg halom gi UCLA Medical Center. Esta

This fellow was made for the type of people who like their religion in small and easily digestible doses. A master of the sound bite, so to speak.

Except Pope Francis is not, ahem, infallible when it comes to public relations. Although he charmed the airborne press corps by saying, "Who am I to judge?" with respect to homosexual priests, and although he's received a thumbs-up from those who think we should worry more about the poor and the oppressed than about the gay and the oversexed, Francis put his sandal-shod foot in his papal mouth on this recent trip to the Middle East.

To be more accurate, he's made some startling visual faux pas.

He corrected Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu when he said that Jesus spoke Hebrew, telling him it was "Aramaic." Francis was right, but still...that was picky.

This was actually nothing compared to the pope's attitude in front of the security wall separating Israel from the Palestinian Authority. Although there is a lot of debate about whether the wall is justified, what Francis did—getting out of his pope-mobile and kissing it—played right into the hands of Israel's enemies.

This is not the gates of Auschwitz and Buchenwald, and the pope was incredibly insensitive to treat it as another attribute of Israeli apartheid.

Of course, you will say, the pope has no obligation to favor one side in the fiery hot debate on Middle Eastern peace and sovereignty. His jurisdiction is a spiritual one, and his flock is Catholic.

But, seriously, does anyone believe that, especially anyone who screams at the top of his lungs how great it is that this pope "doesn't judge"?

Francis has been used by the secularists, atheists, agnostics and disaf-

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Educating the youth for 2014

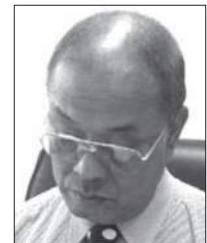
Mr. Welch, thanks for your letter defending Mr. Olopai but I don't understand what it has to do with education. Chronic psychosocial stress (chronic poverty to you) is the reason, also known as the rich class and the "everybody else class"—not good grandpas, not two-parent households. My point is, Lino Olopai is not doing his part in educating the young people of Saipan for 2014, and when I say young people, I mean young Carolinians because that's who he means.

I asked 10 high school students on Tuesday, June 3, what they knew about Article 12. Only one, yes, just one, knew what it was; he was a Filipino. The rest had never heard of it—just another example of the education system here and in the homes of people on Saipan. Filipinos all know what it is because it affects them daily. Some locals don't want their kids to know because their kids might not like it. Some indoctrinate their kids for or against it.

I actually see Lino almost every day at the library, on a computer for hours. Computers are OK for him but he, apparently, doesn't see

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umu'uguñ yan chumichichi` ni putiña. Tihu huñgog mamaisen ni leblon bañkoña. Ni ti ha batsala guinahaña 'nai matai dispues. Parehu finaposña yan i mas poble lokue` na tautau.

Haf' na i mas ta adahe na kosasta ensegigidas ha` mayamag? Ai, pot sais mesis na tiempu hu gu`ot salape`hu sien pesus. 'Nai umu'uguñ un' namase` timatmanyu numa`e ni finaiseña. Sumehayu` dispues ya hu kuestionan maisayu` kau ayu intensionhu. Lau suetteña i prohimu ya ti mañotsut-yu` ni ninai-hu gi mas namase`ña ke guahu.

Ai lokue` na tiempu un` lacheru diariu hasausau yan assiste i ga`ña torun i kelat. Kulan diariu na eksisiu. Un` dia, pinateg ni toru ya pininu'. Tihu komprende. Adahe na animu i amku` yan assitimenti gi solu pairen i kelat. Ni unu` siña umoppe kuestion-hu guine. Debi bai` chule`hulu` gi lamasan San Pedro man-husga.

Biba yan namagof na kompliaños para i diñga-hu nietu as Bear yan Beaver ni sumilebra mina ochu años idat niha pa'gu na ha`ane. Parehu biba para i nietu-hu as Miko ni sumelebra lokue` kompliañosña gi mapos na semana. Man-malag na linachog flores gi hatdin korason mame yan si grandma. Biba kompliaños!

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fected Catholics as a spokesman for their particular view of faith, one in which spirituality is diluted and universality is magnified.

It's not all the pope's fault. Journalists and activists have a way of projecting.

But it is distressing to see how tone deaf my pontiff can be when dealing with real people and real issues that don't fall into tidy little categories where you have the "oppressor" on one side and the "oppressed" on the other.

Ironically enough, the pope that was once called a Nazi because of his forced conscription into the Hitler Youth was much more compassionate to our Jewish brothers and sisters by pointing out the type of enemy they faced.

Benedict was openly critical of fundamental Islam and its rejection of reason, and got into hot water over it.

I guess it's all a matter of optics.

Don't get me wrong. Francis is a good and decent man. He brings great gifts to a church in need.

But his timing, and his people skills, could use some tweaking.

Then again, who am I to judge?

the need for them for his "lower class" (poor) people. To me, this is just another "upper class" (rich) ploy to keep the masses in check. If you can control information, communication and technology, you can pretty much control Saipan, the United States of America, or the world. Just imagine the money the rich NMDs will make off your former land when Article 12 is repealed or there are not enough people with enough NMD blood to qualify.

Mr. Welch, It would be good if you provide the link to the studies you mentioned because American Psychological Society studies will be a lot different than Focus on the Family studies. When I want to learn anything about coconut trees, the tree of life or anything else that has ever been or thought of until one minute ago, I YouTube it. Have a great day, Mr. Welch, and if you have kids, get them a touch screen tablet and a WiFi connection so they can get all sides to every opinion and story.

**Gary DuBrall**  
*Chalan Piao, Saipan*

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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## Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 81

## Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 62 ▼ 55
Beijing	Rain	▲ 87 ▼ 61
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 80
Honolulu	Windy	▲ 83 ▼ 72
London	Mostly Sunny	▲ 67 ▼ 49
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 80 ▼ 62
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 80
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 59 ▼ 48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 75
New York	Rain	▲ 74 ▼ 59
Osaka	Showers	▲ 76 ▼ 66
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 68 ▼ 51
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 63
Rome	Sunny	▲ 79 ▼ 59
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 80 ▼ 48
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64 ▼ 51
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 64
Tokyo	Rain	▲ 71 ▼ 64
Washington, DC	Showers	▲ 80 ▼ 58

## Tides

### Sunrise/Sunset

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:46 AM	6:45 PM	Today	11:41 AM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:45 PM	Friday	12:29 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM	Saturday	1:17 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM	Sunday	2:07 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM	Monday	1:31 AM

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### DEPARTURES

#### SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5040	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5078	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

#### ARRIVALS

#### GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

#### SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7
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#### GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
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#### ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7
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#### ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
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#### SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:20pm	2, 6 via NRT
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#### PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT
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#### SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily

# Justices place Calvo's appeal under advisement

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The CNMI Supreme Court heard Tuesday and placed under advisement the appeal of convicted child molester Patrick M. Calvo, who is challenging his conviction and eight-year prison sentence.

Associate Justices Pro Tempore David A. Wiseman, Joseph N. Camacho, and Timothy H. Bellas presided over the appellate proceedings.

Attorney Bruce Berline argued for Calvo after the high court denied the request of lawyer Anthony Long, counsel for Calvo, to appear via telephone. Long is now based in the U.S. mainland.

Assistant attorney general

Teresita Sablan argued for the CNMI government, which is opposing the appeal.

Berline argued that prosecutorial misconduct during the government counsel's cross examination of Calvo warrants a new jury trial in count 1 sexual assault in the second degree and count 2 sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree.

Berline said the prosecutor asked Calvo over and over again if the victim and a witness "were lying." Such improper questions, Berline said, were not isolated but the prosecutor's organized and planned scheme.

He said the judge should have stopped the prosecutor from repeatedly asking the question.

"It happened too many,"

he said.

In an interview after the hearing, Berline said one of the major issues is when the prosecutor repeatedly asked Calvo, who took the stand, whether he thought other witnesses were lying.

"In essence, by doing that, you forced the witness to choose and say, 'Am I lying?' or the other witness is lying. Of course the witness who's testifying is always gonna have to say the other witness is lying," he said.

Berline said the question has no probative value so most jurisdictions find it improper.

However, he said, that was done repeatedly in this case so they brought up the matter to the high court for resolution.

At the hearing, Berline argued, among other things, that no physical evidence was presented in the case so it's based solely on the credibility of the victim and Calvo.

The other arguments that Calvo raised in his appeal is that the conviction of count 3 sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree and count 4 disturbing the peace should be vacated and the case remanded for jury trial as the bench trial on those charges is a violation of the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Assistant attorney general Sablan argued that even if the "were they lying" questions are deemed improper, it was a harmless error. Sablan said the

questions were not prejudicial to Calvo and that it was not designed to inflame the jurors. She said the harmless error should not be ground for overturning Calvo's conviction.

Sablan said the judge also gave the jury curative instructions and general instructions on the credibility issue.

Sablan said the victim's version of events was corroborated by other witnesses.

She also argued that Calvo did not receive multiple punishments for the same offense but that he's being punished for separate offenses.

Sablan said Calvo's term of imprisonment of eight years and probation of seven years did not exceed the statutory maximums.

Sablan asked the court to affirm the judgment on all counts, and remand for resentencing for the limited purpose of imposing the seven-year probation term as part of a suspended period of incarceration or fine.

In his oral order, Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja had imposed a seven-year probation sentence on Calvo. But in his written order, the judge put 10-year probation.

The CNMI Board of Parole recently denied Calvo's application for parole.

In September 2009, a Superior Court jury found Calvo guilty of sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl in 2008. Naraja sentenced the then-47-year-old Calvo to eight years in prison.

## Vietnam-based lawyer Israel files libel lawsuit, reveals alleged \$3M extort try

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REPORTER

Attorney Barry J. Israel, one of the former counsels for Junior Larry Hillbloom, has alleged that Hillbloom colluded with the latter's former trustee to extort \$3 million from him and Guam attorney David J. Lujan.

Israel and Lujan used to serve as counsels for Hillbloom in Larry Lee Hillblom's probate matter in Superior Court. Hillbloom is the "DNA-proven" son of the late business tycoon Hillblom.

Israel, through counsel Theodore W. Frank, filed last week in federal court a cross-claim against Hillbloom and Keith Waibel, the former trustee of Hillbloom.

Israel is suing Waibel for libel and slander for allegedly calling him a criminal. His other causes of actions against Waibel and Hillbloom are indemnification and breach of contract.

Israel asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to hold Hillbloom and Waibel liable to pay him damages, attorney's fees,

court costs and expenses.

Frank stated in Israel's cross-claim that Waibel, as trustee of the JLH Trust, mismanaged the assets of the JLH Trust from 2002—when Israel resigned as counsel for Waibel—to 2009.

Frank said the mismanagement include investing in high risk or scam investments, borrowing trust assets for Waibel's own personal investments, joining personally with the trusts/Hillbloom to invest in various enterprises, overpaying himself, and charging JLH Trust for unjustified expenses.

Over this period, Frank said, JLH Trust lost significant assets and decreased substantially in value.

Frank said that in a desperate attempt to cover up Waibel's mismanagement of JLH Trust and his breaches of fiduciary to Hillbloom, and to recoup the loss of assets, Waibel and Hillbloom agreed sometime in 2006 to shakedown Israel and Lujan by threatening to sue them in multiple jurisdictions.

Frank said the claims include those that Hillbloom and Waibel

are now asserting against Israel and Lujan in a case pending in federal court.

Frank said that, in 2007, Waibel began to execute this shakedown scheme by demanding Israel and Lujan pay back fees they had properly received. Frank said Waibel demanded \$3 million from Israel and Lujan.

Hillbloom apparently was aware of and consented to Waibel's demand to Israel and Lujan to pay back the fees received.

Frank said that Israel and Lujan denied Waibel's extortive demand for money and substantiated that the payments of fees they received were proper and not paid retroactively, as confirmed by Waibel's accountant.

Frank said that in a fall 2007 meeting between Waibel and Israel at the Hyatt Hotel, Los Angeles Airport, Waibel escalated his demand by threatening to sue Israel and Lujan throughout the world and generate publicity, embarrassing them in front of family, friends, and business associates if they did not accept the \$3-million demand.

Israel and Lujan, refusing to be extorted, reportedly rejected Waibel's fraudulent demands.

Frank said that Waibel and Hillbloom then filed a lawsuit on behalf of Hillbloom against Israel and Lujan in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California on Feb. 3, 2009.

He said the lawsuit falsely claimed that Israel and Lujan were paid retroactively under a new fee agreement on distributions already received by the JLH Trust prior to the closing of the estate as part of their scheme to intimidate and embarrass the two lawyers.

Israel and Lujan moved to dismiss the complaint, which the district court granted.

With Israel and Lujan dismissed, Hillbloom voluntarily dismissed Waibel, which Israel believes was in furtherance of Waibel and Hillbloom's fraudulent scheme.

Hillbloom then refiled the case against Lujan on April 2, 2010, in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Frank said that Hillbloom refiled the case against Israel and

Waibel on Dec. 15, 2010, in the U.S. District Court for the NMI, again falsely claiming that Israel and Lujan were paid retroactively under a new fee agreement on distributions already received by the JLH Trust.

Frank said that Waibel did not challenge the complaint against him.

On the libel claim, Frank said that Waibel published statements that Israel is a criminal in correspondences with Jain Vail, Paul Flannery, and Hillbloom, including letters and emails.

Frank said Waibel sent an email to Vail in August 2008, asking for information on "that criminal in Vietnam."

Frank said Waibel's statements that Israel is a criminal are false as Israel has never been indicted or convicted of a crime.

Frank said that Waibel also verbally stated that Israel was a criminal. He said Waibel first made these statements in Cebu, Philippines, during a meeting involving an investment in a business started by Paul Flannery in which both Waibel and Hillbloom co-invested while Waibel acted as Hillbloom's trustee.

The extortion try allegation was first disclosed in 2011 in Lujan's motion to dismiss Waibel's lawsuit. In that pleadings, Lujan did not mention the amount that Waibel and Hillbloom allegedly tried to extort from them.

Israel filed the cross-claims and answer to Hillbloom's lawsuit after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reversed the federal court decision that dismissed the lawsuit filed by Hillbloom against him.

The Ninth Circuit judges ruled that Hillbloom established that Israel deliberately "engaged in significant activities" within the CNMI.

The Ninth Circuit judges said the amended retainer agreement required Israel to represent Hillbloom in CNMI legal proceedings and to protect Hillbloom's interests in assets located in the Commonwealth.

The judges remanded the case to federal court.

Hillbloom is suing Israel and Lujan for allegedly conspiring to inflate their attorney's fee when Hillblom's fortune was still undergoing probate proceedings.

## Naval Base Guam commemorates Battle of Midway

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—Dozens of sailors and soldiers observed the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Midway at the T. Stell Newman Visitor Center in Santa Rita on June 3.

U.S. Naval Base Guam held the ceremony to commemorate the Battle of Midway, which occurred June 4-7, 1942. Historians called the battle a decisive turning point in World War II where the Allies gained a strategic and tactical advantage over the Empire of Japan in the Pacific. On the tail end of the attack on Pearl Harbor six months prior, Allied naval assets secured an offensive position after permanently crippling the Japanese navy at Midway.

"The concept of the aircraft carrier and its strategic imperative to the nation was born at the Battle of Midway," said Capt. Mike Ward, NBG commanding officer.



Capt. Mike Ward, U.S. Naval Base Guam commanding officer, addresses Sailors and soldiers stationed on Guam during a Battle of Midway commemoration ceremony at T. Stell Newman Visitor Center in Santa Rita June 3. As the keynote speaker, Ward spoke on the dedication and service of U.S. naval forces during World War II.

"This battle seized the strategic initiative despite our dramatic defeat on Dec. 7, 1941."

Ward said the aftermath of Pearl Harbor left the U.S. fleet in complete disarray and the Battle of Midway was a singular statement on the importance of naval power.

"A vastly outgunned and outnumbered U.S. fleet defeated the finest of the Imperial Japanese Navy," said Chief Master-at-Arms Daniel Damico from Naval Security Forces. "Their daring combination of intelligence, tactics, courage and sacrifice forever changed the course of the war."

Ward said the Battle of Midway is about more than just carrier aviation but about the Navy's legacy and history. Although the Allied victory was epic and momentous, it came at severe cost, he added.

"Adm. Nimitz called this battle a glorious page in our history and the stories of heroism and

courage at Midway are remarkable in every sense," Ward said. "To the stories of those Sailors who stayed at their post until the bitter end to the stories of those who rescued shipmates from the carrier Yorktown that sank during the battle."

Yeoman 3rd Class Akeem Williams said participating in this ceremony hopefully served an important purpose in the lives of service members.

"Sailors need to understand our naval history to understand and feel the pride of being a Sailor," Williams said. "A lot of that pride started here in Guam. The people of Guam and the military accomplished so much because of that common pride."

Ward said the ceremony not only venerates those who have served and made the ultimate sacrifice but also to help the current generation understand the significance and lessons Battle of Midway holds for the Navy of today. (PR)



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# Hyatt tops Taste of the Marianas chefs' competition

The 16th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden had its grand finale for the year on Saturday (May 31) night, with Hyatt Regency Saipan taking home top honors in the Chefs' Competition.

The Taste of the Marianas brings some of the best of island cuisine and entertainment to American Memorial Park each Saturday during May Tourism Month in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Hyatt bested Saipan World Resort (2<sup>nd</sup> place), Mariana Resort and Spa (3<sup>rd</sup> place), Pacific Islands Club Saipan, and Fiesta Resort & Spa for

presenting the best "Mexican Beef Tacos" made with Certified Angus Beef. The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands provided \$1,000 in cash prizes for the event.

Winners were also announced for the Booth Decorating Competition, with Fies-

ta Resort & Spa garnering top honors. They were followed by Herman's Modern Bakery (2<sup>nd</sup> place), Tropical Chill (3<sup>rd</sup> place), and D'Elegance Café (4<sup>th</sup> place).

"We're very pleased with the outcome of this year's festival," said Marianas Visitors Authority Commu-

nity Projects manager Martin Duena. "'Taste' is not only enjoyed by residents, but it's a great opportunity for visitors to experience island culture, and it attracts media attention to our islands from our source markets."

The MVA, HANMI, and the National Park Service

jointly hosted the annual Taste of the Marianas, which offers international cuisine at affordable prices from local hotels and restaurant vendors, non-stop live entertainment on the main stage, nightly contests on the secondary stage, and arts and crafts sales. (MVA)



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Tievi Mori performs a Polynesian dance at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 31, 2014.



PHOTO BY MVA

Fiesta Resort & Spa was announced the Booth Decorating Competition winner at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 31, 2014.



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Greg Bacnis, second from right, and Irineo David, right, display their art leaf painting and portrait painting along with other artists at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 31, 2014.



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Ana Glushko Academy students perform at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 31, 2014, on Saipan.



PHOTO BY MVA

Rose Dance School performs a ballroom dance routine at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 31, 2014, on Saipan.



PHOTO BY MVA

Saipan School of Music and Dance performs at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 31, 2014, on Saipan.



PHOTO BY MVA

Marianas High School Poksa Guma Chamorro performs at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 31, 2014, on Saipan.

# Business

## US auto sales hit 9-year high in May

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**DETROIT** (AP)—Brisk demand for SUVs and pickup trucks—and five sunny weekends—pushed U.S. auto sales to a nine-year high in May.

Chrysler, Nissan and Toyota all reported double-digit sales gains over last May. Even General Motors, battling bad publicity from a mishandled recall, surprised with a 13 percent sales increase.

Ford's sales rose a better-than-expected 3 percent, while Hyundai's were up 4 percent. Of major automakers, only Volkswagen's sales fell.

May is traditionally a strong month for the auto industry, as buyers spend their tax returns and think ahead to summer road trips. This year's calendar, with five weekends, gave it an extra boost. Sales were particularly strong the last weekend of the month, automakers said.

Sales rose 11 percent to just over 1.6 million in May. That was the highest monthly total since July 2005, according to Kelley Blue Book.

The surge helped erase doubts about the strength of the industry.



In this March 14, 2014 photo, a 2015 Chrysler 200 automobile moves down the assembly line at the Sterling Heights Assembly Plant in Sterling Heights, Mich.

try. January and February sales were weaker than expected as consumers spent more time shoveling snow than shopping.

"It's the continued recovery in the summer selling season," said Jeff Schuster, executive vice president of forecasting for LMC Automotive, an industry consulting firm. "Kind of everything aligning in the month of May."

June should bring more of the same, said Karl Brauer, a senior analyst with Kelley Blue Book. May sales were driven by pent-

up demand from the winter, he said, but the summer months will likely be strong because of other factors, including low interest rates, good lease deals and enticing new vehicles.

Automakers didn't need big discounts to boost sales. Car buying site TrueCar.com estimated incentives were flat from last May and up 4 percent from April to \$2,677 per vehicle. TrueCar said Hyundai, Kia and Honda had the biggest increases in incentives in May. Chrysler, GM and Nissan offered fewer deals.

are sometimes covered up by other graphics. They automatically launch legitimate-looking websites as pop-up windows that advertisers don't realize are associated with piracy. At the end of the day, the pirate website operators still receive a check for serving up a number of views and clicks.

The illicit activity is estimated to generate millions of dollars annually. That's only a small portion of the roughly \$40 billion of online ad spending every year. Yet it is helping to feed the creation of millions of copyright-infringing websites that provide stolen content to a growing global audience.

Gmail, with more than 425 million accounts worldwide, was one of the first free email services to embrace TLS. Yahoo, Facebook and AOL also are encrypting their email services. Microsoft Corp., whose stable of email services includes the Outlook, MSN and Hotmail domains, has started encrypting many accounts as part of transition that won't be completed until later this year.

Less than half of the correspondence from Hotmail accounts to Gmail wasn't encrypted as of late May, Google said. Security experts say that encryption method isn't as secure as other options. But encryption that is tougher to crack is also more complicated to use.

## Online pirates thrive on legitimate ad dollars

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Movie and music piracy thrives online in part because crafty website operators receive advertising dollars from major companies like Comcast, Ford and McDonald's.

That's the conclusion of several recent reports that shed light on Internet piracy's funding sources.

Content thieves attract visitors with the promise of free downloads and streams of the latest hit movies, TV shows and songs. Then they profit by pulling in advertising from around the Internet, often concealing their illicit activities so advertising brands remain unaware.

Pirate websites run ads that

"(Companies) placed their ads on the assumption that they were going to be on high-quality sites and they're not," said Mark Berns, vice president of MediaLink LLC, a consulting firm that produced a study looking into the practice called "Good Money Gone Bad."

The study, commissioned for the Digital Citizens Alliance, a Washington-based group that advocates for a safer Internet, sampled 596 of the worst-offending websites. Researchers discovered that the infringing websites were displaying ads from 89 premium brands like Walmart, McDonald's, Google, Microsoft and Ford.

## Volume of encrypted email rising amid spying fears

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—The volume of email cloaked in encryption technology is rapidly rising as Google, Yahoo, Facebook and other major Internet companies try to shield their users' online communications from government spies and other snoops.

Google and other companies are now automatically encrypting all email, but that doesn't ensure confidentiality unless the recipients' email provider also adopts the technology.

In an analysis released Tuesday, Google Inc. said that about 65 percent of the messages sent by its Gmail users are encrypted while delivered, meaning the recipient's email provider also sup-

# Nation

## Tattoos can be evidence of a crime—or just plain cool

**HARTFORD, Conn.** (AP)—Teardrops for murders. Spider webs for prison time. Penal code numbers for crimes committed.

Criminals have long used tattoos as indelible ink on their own bodily rap sheet. And for just as long, police have used tattoos as a way to identify suspects, a distinguishing characteristic to jog a memory or catch the public's eye.

But only rarely does body art play a pivotal role as evidence posited as proof of wrongdoing.

Prosecutors trying to convict former New England Patriot Aaron Hernandez in a pair of homicide cases could try to use the one-time football star's tattoos against him: they are seeking the artists who worked on Hernandez, saying they could be witnesses.

Criminal justice experts, however, say it's hard for law enforcement to determine whether someone with a tattoo linked to a kind of crime actually did the deed. As Todd Bettencourt, a tattoo artist in North Attleborough, Massachusetts—the town where Hernandez was living at the time of the killings—said, "Some people just get it because it's cool."

Hernandez is accused of fatally shooting two men—Daniel de Abreu and Safiro Furtado—and wounding a third in Boston in July 2012. He also is charged with murder in last



This undated file photo provided by the Los Angeles Sheriff's department shows convicted murderer Anthony Garcia, sentenced to 65 years in prison in 2011 after a homicide investigator discovered he had the scene of an unsolved 2004 murder inked on his chest.

year's killing of Odin Lloyd, 27, whose body was found near Hernandez's home. He is also being sued by an associate who says Hernandez shot him in the eye in Miami last year.

Photos of Hernandez show he has had five stars and other tattoo work added to his right forearm over the past few years. While many star tattoos have nothing to do with crime, they can sometimes be used to represent killings, said Kevin Waters, a criminal justice professor at Northern Michigan University and former agent with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

## Neighbors: Stabbing at odds with girls' upbringing

**WAUKESHA, Wis.** (AP)—Neighbors of two Wisconsin girls accused of stabbing a friend nearly to death say they're struggling to reconcile the allegations with what they know about the 12-year-olds and their upbringings.

Waukesha County prosecutors have charged the two girls in adult court with attempted homicide for allegedly stabbing a girl the same age in the woods. The girls told detectives they conspired for months to kill the other girl in hopes of pleasing Slenderman, a fictional character they read about on a horror website.

Most residents in their Waukesha neighborhood didn't want to talk to reporters Tuesday. They said they were still trying to wrap their minds around the allegations. But neighbors who did agree to talk said the girls came from good families and that the parents were responsible guardians who doted on their children.

Emily Edwards, 15, babysat one of the girls for about two years. She told The Associated Press the girl seemed to be a well-adjusted child who was never mean or violent. She said the girl never even picked on her younger brother, and if anything acted as a peacekeeper whenever others teased him.

"She was completely normal, nothing off about her. She was very social, friendly, outgoing," Emily said, "which is what makes this whole thing so weird."

Prosecutors say the two girls lured the victim into the woods Saturday and stabbed her 19 times, with one of the wounds coming within a millimeter of piercing a major artery near her heart.

The AP isn't naming either girl because their cases could end up in juvenile court, where proceedings are closed to the public. The victim is identified in court documents only by her initials.

Emily said that as far as the

"I would say the cops probably see the stars and know in some circles that a star does represent a kill and want a tattoo artist to come in and see if he (Hernandez) said anything about that," Waters said.

Every once in a while, criminal investigators do hit the jackpot. That was the case with Southern California gang member Anthony Garcia, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to 65 years in prison in 2011 after a homicide investigator discovered that Garcia had the scene of an unsolved 2004 murder inked on his chest.

girl she baby-sat, she often saw her family laughing and smiling together. She described the girl's parents as "such nice people" who seem devoted to their two kids.

Paul Plotkin, another neighbor close to the father of one of the girls, said he was troubled by comments he's seen online suggesting the parents must have been absent, negligent, addicted to drugs or worse.

"Anyone who knows them knows these are good people, a normal middle-class family," said Plotkin, 44. "It just goes to show, no matter how hard you try to instill good morals, good values, things can still go wrong."

The two girls live in the same apartment complex, which has about a dozen buildings scattered in an open layout with leafy trees. About a dozen small children played on a small playground in the center of the complex Tuesday afternoon, as parents watched from a distance.

# World



## LOCKDOWN

Heavily armed Chinese paramilitary policemen march towards Tiananmen Gate in Beijing Wednesday, June 4, 2014. Authorities blanketed central Beijing with heavy security Wednesday on the 25th anniversary of the bloody military suppression of pro-democracy protests centered on Tiananmen Square, pre-empting any attempts to publicly commemorate one of the darkest chapters in recent Chinese history. Dozens of activists, dissidents and other critics have already been detained by police, held under house arrest or sent out of the city.

## Hague tribunal asks China to defend sea claims

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—A Hague-based tribunal has asked China to defend its territorial claims in the South China Sea by submitting evidence within six months despite Beijing's refusal to respond to a Philippine legal challenge to Beijing's vast claims to the strategic waters.

China has refused to join the arbitration process initiated by the Philippine government last year. On Wednesday, Philippine officials pressed a call for China to join the arbitration as a peaceful and durable solution to the long-raging territorial disputes, which have flared in recent years and sparked alarm across Asia and beyond.

The Hague-based tribunal

issued a statement Tuesday giving China until Dec. 15 to submit written arguments and evidence against the Philippine complaint, which questioned the validity of China's so-called "nine-dash" claim. That refers to a rough Chinese demarcation on its official maps of its territorial claims that cover virtually the entire South China Sea.

Aside from China and the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia, Vietnam and Taiwan have overlapping claims across the vast South China Sea, with Beijing saying it has sovereignty over virtually all of the resource-rich waters since ancient times. China's separate disputes with the Philippines and Vietnam

have worsened recently, especially after it deployed an oil rig early last month in waters also claimed by Hanoi, sparking violent anti-China protests in Vietnam.

There have been fears the territorial conflicts in the region, including a dispute between Japan and China in the East China Sea, could spark Asia's next armed conflict, although analysts say a major fight is unlikely given fears that any major instability that could shatter bullish economies in the region.

After filing a complaint early last year, the Philippines submitted written arguments and evidence against China's claims on March 30.

## US to boost military effort in Europe

**WARSAW, Poland** (AP)—President Barack Obama pledged Tuesday to boost U.S. military deployments and exercises throughout Europe, an effort costing as much as \$1 billion to demonstrate American solidarity with a continent rattled by Russia's intervention in Ukraine.

But even as Obama warned that Moscow could face further punishments, leaders of Britain, France and Germany were lining up to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin at week's end.

Those one-on-one meetings would appear to send a mixed message about the West's approach to relations with Russia, given that the same leaders are also boycotting a summit Putin had been scheduled to host this week.

Obama does not plan to hold

The five-man tribunal asked China to respond, but said the Chinese government sent a notice last month reiterating that "it does not accept the arbitration initiated by the Philippines" and that the notice it sent "shall not be regarded as China's acceptance of or participation in the proceedings."

The tribunal suggested it would continue hearing the Philippine complaint even without China's involvement.

"The arbitral tribunal will determine the further course of the proceedings, including the need for, and scheduling of any other written submissions and hearings, at an appropriate later stage, after seeking the views of the parties," it said.

a formal meeting with Putin while both attend events Friday marking the 70th anniversary of the D-Day invasion that hastened the end of World War II, though the two leaders are likely to have some interaction. The U.S. president suggested there was no contradiction between efforts to isolate Russia and engaging directly with Putin.

"The fact of the matter is that Russia is a significant country with incredibly gifted people, resources, an enormous land mass, and they rightfully play an important role on the world stage and in the region," Obama said during a news conference with Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski. He added that it could be possible for Putin to "rebuild some of the trust that's been shattered during this past year" but said that would take time.

Western leaders, including Obama, have spoken with Putin by phone multiple times since Russia annexed the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine and stationed tens of thousands of troops on its border with the former Soviet republic. But until this week, they've avoided face-to-face meetings with Putin to avoid giving the impression that the Russian leader can slide back into normal relationships with U.S. and European leaders that have accused him of stoking instability in Ukraine.

Putin's meetings this week will be closely watched by Poland and other Central and Eastern Euro-

pian nations. Many countries in the regions have been pressing for broader NATO assistance to serve as a buffer in case Russia tries to advance beyond Ukraine.

Obama's announcement Tuesday of a "European Reassurance Initiative," costing up to \$1 billion, was aimed at quelling some of that anxiety. It marks a significant departure from a two-decade trend toward a smaller U.S. military presence in Europe amid a shift by the Obama administration to a more visible and active naval and air power presence in the Asia-Pacific region. Just three years ago the Pentagon downgraded the top U.S. Army Europe commander from a four-star to a three-star general.

If the U.S. Congress approves the funding, the Pentagon would ramp up its air and ground force rotations in Europe, as well as boost military exercises and position more equipment on the continent.

The plan also calls for increasing the U.S. Navy participation in NATO deployments in the Black and Baltic Seas and helping non-NATO nations such as Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine bolster their own defenses. But key details of the effort were unclear, including how big the U.S. troop increase on the continent might be.

Obama said the fund would be "a powerful demonstration of America's unshakeable commitment to our NATO allies."

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Underwater sound examined for links to missing jet

**SYDNEY** (AP)—A team of Australian researchers looking into the disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 released data on Wednesday about an unusual underwater sound recorded around the time the plane vanished, though the lead scientist acknowledged the chances it is linked to the jet are slim. The low-frequency sound was picked up by underwater listening devices in the Indian Ocean off the west coast of Australia on March 8, the same day the Boeing 777 disappeared on a flight from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Beijing with 239 people on board. Researchers at Curtin University in Western Australia have been analyzing the signal to see if it may be the sound of the plane crashing into the ocean.

#### Irish church under fire over children's mass grave

**DUBLIN** (AP)—The Catholic Church in Ireland is facing fresh accusations of child neglect after a researcher found records for 796 young children believed to be buried in a mass grave beside a former orphanage for the children of unwed mothers. The researcher, Catherine Corless, says her discovery of child death records at the Catholic nun-run home in Tuam, County Galway, suggests that a former septic tank filled with bones is the final resting place for most, if not all, of the children. Church leaders in Galway, western Ireland, said they had no idea so many children who died at the orphanage had been buried there, and said they would support local efforts to mark the spot with a plaque listing all 796 children.

#### 22 killed in mine accident in southwestern China

**BELIJING** (AP)—A coal mine accident killed 22 people in the southwestern Chinese city of Chongqing, the city's news office said in an online statement Wednesday. The accident that took place Tuesday afternoon also left two other people injured at the Yanshitai coal mine, operated by a subsidiary of the state-owned enterprise Chongqing Energy, the statement said. It was unclear whether there was an explosion. The statement referred only to a "gas accident" and gave no details. The official Xinhua News Agency said 28 people were working in the shaft at the time, and that six managed to escape, including the two who were injured.

## In Loving Memory of †Concepcion Diaz Cabrera

We would like to invite our families and friends to join us in prayer as we commemorate the 1st year death anniversary of our beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Mass will be offered daily at 6:00 pm at the San Vicente Church beginning Friday, June 6, 2014 through Friday, June 13, 2014. On the final day, June 14, 2014, mass will be offered at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 6:00 am.

Your prayers, thoughts and presence are sincerely appreciated.  
Thank you, Yan Un Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase!

Children of †Concepcion Diaz Cabrera

# Environment

## Can US eliminate invasive species by eating them?

By RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**HOUSTON** (AP)—It seems like a simple proposition: American lakes, rivers and offshore waters are filling up with destructive fish and crustaceans originally from other parts of the world, many of them potential sources of food.

So why not control these invasive populations by getting people to eat them?

The idea has gained momentum recently from the lionfish, which invaded the Gulf of Mexico but was successfully marketed to restaurants and today appears to be in decline.

But businesses and scientists have struggled to repeat this apparent triumph with other species. Some, such as Asian carp, are not appetizing to Americans. Others, like feral hogs, reproduce too quickly to make a dent. And then there's the question of whether turning them into sought-after cuisine undermines the larger goal of eliminating them.

"Eating invasive species is not a silver bullet," said Laura Huffman, the Nature Conservancy's

director in Texas. But it can still be "a way to get people engaged in the topic and in the solution."

The lionfish, a striped saltwater species with a flowing mane of venomous spines, is native to the Indo-Pacific Ocean and was first spotted in parts of the Gulf and off the East Coast a little more than 10 years ago. The skilled predators damage reefs and devour native fish, and they are eaten only by sharks—or larger lionfish.

People soon learned that beneath the lionfish's spiky skin lies a buttery, flaky meat that is perfect for ceviche, taco filler or as an alternative to lobster. After a few years of intense fishing and brisk fillet sales, the population is dropping.

But similar efforts targeting feral hogs, Asian carp and the Himalayan blackberry have been far less successful.

Damage from invasive species extends beyond the environment. A Cornell University study concluded that they caused more than \$120 billion in economic harm annually. Feral hogs cost Texas alone about \$52 million in agricultural damage every year, ac-

cording to a study by Texas A&M University.

Asian carp were introduced to the United States about 30 years ago. Now they have infested dozens of waterways, including the Mississippi. The Army Corps of Engineers is weighing several options to try to keep the voracious eaters out of the Great Lakes, where they could threaten other marine life and the fishing industry.

In China, the carp are a delicacy and even threatened in the Yangtze River. But they have attracted little interest among U.S.



consumers, and the few Americans who make a living on carp export most of their catch.

"The fish are good eating if they're healthy, which they're not always," said Duane Chapman, a research fish biologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Columbia, Missouri, noting this is an issue in the Missouri River. "Here the fish are pretty much not edible because they're so skinny."

AP  
In this May 22, 2012 file photo, a lionfish swims near coral off the Caribbean island of Bonaire.

## EPA announces plan to cut carbon emissions by 30 pct.

By EVAN HALPER  
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

**WASHINGTON**—The Obama administration unveiled Monday its far-reaching proposal to curb climate change by substantially restricting emissions at power plants, a plan that promises to set off intense debate across the country amid the president's boldest action yet to reshape the energy landscape.

Under the proposal, the administration is seeking to reduce greenhouse gases by 30 percent from their 2005 level by the year 2030. The plan gives local officials wide leeway in how to go about meeting that goal, but it represents a major challenge for many of the states that remain heavily dependent on coal; some are already girding to fight the president on the proposed new rules.

The Environmental Protection Agency's rollout of the 645-page plan launches a yearlong period of comment and review. The 2005 baseline year chosen by the administration reflects a time when emissions of greenhouse gases were at a peak. They have been reduced by about 10 percent since then, largely because many power companies have shifted toward cleaner-burning natural gas amid its recent boom. Meeting the EPA goal would require a further 17 percent reduction nationwide.

"This goal is achievable be-

cause innovations in the production, distribution and use of electricity are already making the power sector more efficient and sustainable while maintaining an affordable, reliable and diverse energy mix," the preamble to the EPA plan states.

Still, many lawmakers and major business groups warn such a mandate would cause irreparable damage to the economy. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, a staunch opponent of many initiatives to curb climate change, projects that the rule would cost the economy \$50 billion annually, but the EPA concluded differently.

"The EPA projects that, in 2030, the significant reductions in the harmful carbon pollution and in other air pollution, to which this rule would lead, would result in net climate and health benefits of \$48 billion to \$82 billion," the agency proposal says. "At the same time, coal and natural gas would remain the two leading sources of electricity generation in the U.S., with each providing more than 30 percent of the projected generation."

Under the plan, states would be given a menu of options for meeting their specific targets, which will vary based on their current fuel mix. States that burn a lot of coal would begin their reductions from a higher emissions level than those that burn natural gas, which emits less carbon dioxide.

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# Life & Style

## 'Hunger Games' salute used as protest in Thailand

By JOCELYN GECKER and THAN-YARAT DOKSONE  
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**BANGKOK** (AP)—The three-finger salute from the Hollywood movie "The Hunger Games" is being used as a real symbol of resistance in Thailand. Protesters against the military coup are flashing the gesture as a silent act of rebellion, and they're being threatened with arrest if they ignore warnings to stop.

Thailand's military rulers say they were monitoring the new form of opposition to the coup. Reporters witnessed the phenomenon and individuals were captured on film making the raised-arm salute.

"Raising three fingers has become a symbol in calling for fundamental political rights," said anti-coup activist Sombat Boonngam-anong on his Facebook page. He called on people to raise

"3 fingers, 3 times a day"—at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.—in safe public places where no police or military are present.

The gesture emerged over the weekend as protesters joined small flash mobs, or stood alone, flashing three fingers in the air.

"We know it comes from the movie, and let's say it represents resistance against the authorities," Col. Weerachon Sukhondhapatipak, a spokesman for the junta, told The Associated Press.

"If a single individual raises three fingers in the air, we are not going to arrest him or her," he said. "But if it is a political gathering of five people or more, then we will have to take some action."

"If it persists, then we will have to make an arrest," he said.

In "The Hunger Games" movie series and book trilogy, the salute symbolizes rebellion against totalitarian rule, signi-

fying thanks, admiration and goodbye to a loved one. But Thai protesters gave varying explanations. Some cited the French Revolution's trinity of values: liberty, equality, fraternity. Others said it means freedom, election and democracy.

A photo montage circulating online paired a picture from "The Hunger Games" with a graphic of three fingers labeled, 1. No Coup, 2. Liberty, 3. Democracy.

While the strife-imitating-art nature of the phenomenon is extraordinary, it's not unprecedented. Other examples of pop culture symbols being used to express political sentiments include Occupy protesters wearing the Guy Fawkes mask from the "V for Vendetta" movie. The practice of tying a yellow ribbon as a symbol of support for hostages, missing soldiers or prisoners was popularized in part by the song "Tie a Yellow Ribbon

Round the Ole Oak Tree" that topped the charts in 1973.

"The Hunger Games" films have been popular in Thailand, but not unusually so. The last film, "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" made \$3.3 million last year, which ranked eighth among 2013 releases. The 2012 film "The Hunger Games" made \$2.1 million, ranking 17th that year.

A spokesman for the film distributor Lionsgate said the company was aware of the Thai protest but had no comment.

Human Rights Watch's Asia director Brad Adams decried the junta's threat against the peaceful salute, saying the "Thai military's assault on basic human rights has apparently grown to not only target peaceful protesters, but now also silent ones as well—since now just holding up an arm with a three-finger salute is enough to earn the junta's ire."



AP

In this Sunday, June 1, 2014 photo, an anti-coup protester gives a three-finger salute as soldiers keep eyes on him from an elevated walkway near a rally site in central Bangkok, Thailand.

## Jolie: We won't change our security on red carpet



In this Wednesday, May 28, 2014 file photo, Angelina Jolie, left, and Brad Pitt arrive at the world premiere of "Maleficent" at the El Capitan Theatre in Los Angeles.

**SHANGHAI** (AP)—Angelina Jolie says she and Brad Pitt won't tighten their security policies during publicity events after he was accosted on the red carpet in Los Angeles.

"People like that are an exception to the rule," she explained. "Most fans are just wonderful. We've had a wonderful experience over the years, and we're very grateful for their support, and it will not change the way we behave."

Jolie spoke to The Associated Press on Tuesday while in Shanghai to promote "Maleficent," the live-action retelling of "Sleeping Beauty."

Pitt and three of their six children traveled with her to China, and Jolie said the children were enjoying the trip.

"We went to the Long Museum for Contemporary Art," she said.

"They (the children) are having a dim sum class today and a lot of the local food. We love Chinese food anyway, so now we get to have the authentic Chinese food, and ... they are having a wonderful time. Vivienne asked me not to go home today."

She also said Pitt is a "strong man" who handled the situation "perfectly" after he was accosted by a former Ukrainian television journalist at the film's pre-

miere last week. Vitalii Sediuik pleaded no contest to battery on Friday and was ordered to stay away from Pitt, Jolie and Hollywood red carpet events.

"Maleficent" is the biggest box-office debut of Jolie's career after earning nearly \$70 million in North America last weekend. It opens in China on June 20.

With more films being co-produced between Hollywood and China, Jolie said "of course" she would like to work with the talents in China.

She said she's admired the work of Taiwanese director Ang Lee. "I'm not sure if you

consider Ang Lee Chinese, he's Taiwanese but he does many Chinese-language films with many Chinese artists and actors, and I think his work and the actors in his films are the ones I'm most familiar with and are very fond of."

Jolie turns 39 on Wednesday, but says she doesn't know how she will spend her birthday because Pitt and the children usually plan a surprise. As for her birthday wish, she said, "like every mother my wish every birthday is for my children to stay healthy (and) for my family to remain healthy, so I will continue that."

## Jason Derulo, John Legend among CMT Awards' VIPs

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (AP)—Don't be too shocked when Jason Derulo pops out onstage with Luke Bryan and Florida Georgia Line during the CMT Music Awards.

The 24-year-old R&B singer is one of several surprising guests on Wednesday night's country music video awards show (8 p.m. EDT), keeping with CMT's tradition of unlikely matchups. Derulo thinks his appearance in Nashville is right in line with the modern musical landscape, and by the end of the night, he hopes to help spur another country crossover hit.

"It's really cool, man, because I've always dreamed of having my music cross boundaries and enter into different walks of life," Derulo said. "Just because you love country music doesn't mean you can't love other genres of music. So the fact that they thought of my song to be at the CMTs is unbelievable. I'm just really excited more than anything and I have my cowboy hat on deck."

CMT also has matched up John Legend with Jennifer Nettles and Hunter Hayes to sing Legend's No. 1 hit "All of Me." And CMT will salute Alan Jackson's 25th anniversary in music by pairing Kaci-

ey Musgraves and Lee Ann Womack in tribute.

Derulo, Bryan and FGL will perform the latter two acts' team-up "This Is How We Roll" before Derulo segues into his hit "Talk Dirty." (Organizers say there's another surprise in the show-opening performance that even Derulo is unaware of.)

And if the hitmakers have their way, the performance won't be the last time you hear a "This Is How We Roll" collaboration this summer. They'll launch a remix of the song by Derulo and "Talk Dirty" producer Wallpaper on iTunes in conjunction with the show, and everyone hopes the song captures the same pop party vibe that made FGL's "Cruise" remix with Nelly a crossover hit.

"I'm obsessed with it," Derulo said of the "This Is How We Roll" remix.

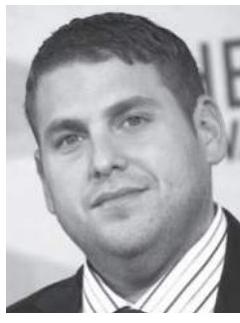
"I know I'm in the thick of it, but I've listened to that song a million times, literally. I actually really, really love it. The melodies on that song are crazy and the marriage between that and bringing more of a pop flavor ... I really think it's something special. I hope that people like it half as much as I do. If people like it half as much as I do we're in good shape."

## Jonah Hill apologizes for gay slur to paparazzo

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Jonah Hill has apologized for using a gay slur with a paparazzo in an encounter caught on video.

A video posted Tuesday by TMZ shows a photographer pestering Hill, who eventually responded with muttered expletives and an anti-gay expression. On "The Howard Stern Show" on Tuesday, the 30-year-old actor acknowledged that he said "a disgusting word."

Hill said the word "does not



Hill

at all reflect how I feel about any group of people." He said that he's been a gay-rights activist "from the day I was born."

Earlier this year, Hill promoted a Human Rights Campaign effort opposing anti-gay laws in Russia ahead of the Winter Olympics.

Hill said he had been harassed by the photographer, claiming he said "hurtful things" about Hill and his family.

## Book bet made to bring Tonight Show to Chicago

**CHICAGO** (AP)—Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and "Tonight Show" host Jimmy Fallon have made a pact to bring the show to the Windy City—with one condition.

During Emanuel's appearance Tuesday on NBC's "Tonight Show," Fallon agreed to bring his production to Chicago for a few shows if Chicago Public School students read 2.4 million books this summer. That would

mean the school system's more than 400,000 students would have to read six books each.

Emanuel's appearance with Fallon was the result of a previous deal between the two men. The mayor agreed to appear on the show if Fallon participated in Chicago's Polar Plunge into Lake Michigan in February.

Fallon took part in the event dressed in a business suit.

## Drummer says Midnight Oil keen to reform for tour

**SYDNEY** (AP)—Midnight Oil drummer Rob Hirst says members of the iconic Australian rock band are keen to reunite for a tour, but front man Peter Garret was busy writing a memoir.

"Peter's writing his memoirs at the moment, so that might take a while, but I think everyone's up for it," Hirst told Faster Louder online music magazine in an interview published on Tuesday.

The lanky, bald-headed sing-

er, now aged 61, quit the band in 2002 to pursue a career in federal politics. He became a Cabinet minister in the previous Labor Party government before quitting Parliament at elections in September last year.

Midnight Oil was a loud, anti-establishment band that released a series of successful albums during a 26-year career. Its biggest international hit single was "Beds are Burning" from the band's 1987 album "Diesel and Dust."

The Cherry Lane Theatre said Tuesday the star of "10 Things I Hate About You" and David Mamet's "Oleanna" on Broadway will next star in Scott Organ's "Phoenix."

James Wirt will play her love interest and Jennifer DeLia

will direct.

"Phoenix" begins performances on July 28 and opens Aug. 7.

Stiles has appeared in such movies as "Save the Last Dance" and "Silver Linings Playbook." She was also a guest star on the fifth season of "Dexter."

"Phoenix" was part of the 34th Annual Humana Festival of New American Plays in 2010.

smart, it is irreverent, and it's youthful in its energy. It will appeal to a broad audience but it certainly will be something that even Millennials will relate to," said producer Scott Sanders, who has produced the Tony nominated "After Midnight" this season and recently produced "The Pee-wee Herman Show," which was directed by Timbers.

"I've been fans of the Lopezes for a very long time," said Sanders. Their agent suggested "Up Here," which wasn't finished. The four had a meeting and Sanders was sold: "I said, 'I've spent my whole career betting on talent. We're in.'"

Timbers, who directed "Rocky" on Broadway, also helmed the boundary-pushing "Peter and the Starcatcher" and "Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson." Sanders said he is perfect to direct the new musical.

### Julia Stiles slated for off-Broadway NYC role

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Julia Stiles is returning to the New York stage in a quirky little comedy about a one-night-stand that has long-term implications.



AP

This May 19, 2014 file photo shows actress Julia Stiles at a screening of "Filth" hosted by The Cinema Society and Magnolia Pictures in New York.



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### ROBOCOP DAY

The movie character RoboCop throws out a ceremonial first pitch before a baseball game between the Detroit Tigers and the Toronto Blue Jays in Detroit, Tuesday, June 3, 2014. An announcement said RoboCop's motorcycle was on display at the stadium and the first 10,000 fans were getting a RoboCop cheer card after getting inside. It's part of "RoboCop Day" in honor of the DVD release of this year's "RoboCop" remake. AP

## Husband's betrayal puts his wife's health at risk

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** I just found out my husband was arrested for being with a hooker. My in-laws (whom I love and adore) bailed him out of jail. No one said a word about it to me. I don't know how to confront all of them with the fact that I know about this "dirty little secret." What should I do?—BETRAYED WIFE



**DEAR BETRAYED:** First, visit your gynecologist and ask to be treated for every STD known to man. Then invite your in-laws to a "family dinner," tell them the cat is out of the bag and ask why this was kept from you. And while you're at it, ask your

**DEAR ABBY:** I'll bet this is an issue in many homes. When my son "Chet" graduated from high school, we gave him a very nice graduation party, which included his friends and family. He received many gifts.

I gave my son thank-you cards, stamps, and a detailed list of whom to send the cards to. So far, he has refused. Chet is normally thoughtful and considerate. I don't know what to do. I'm embarrassed by his lack of gratitude. I have told him we have received thank-yous from his friends and that the cards can be brief. Should I send the thank-you notes myself, or just let it go?—EMBARRASSED MOM IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR MOM:** If the amount of mail I receive from readers complaining that their gifts are not acknowledged is an accurate barometer, your problem is very common. Without being confrontational, ask your son why he refuses to thank the people who gave him gifts. If the answer is he doesn't know what to say and he's embarrassed that he has procrastinated, offer to help him by making suggestions. You're right; the thank-yous don't have to be lengthy. But DO NOT write them for him. Chet is a big boy and the responsibility is his.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a divorced, single woman in my 50s. I love my grandchildren

dearly but am faced with a dilemma. I work full-time and take my grandchildren some nights and on the one day I have off—usually on weekends.

I can't plan things on a weekend without feeling I have made it difficult for my son and his wife to find someone to watch their children. Her mom, a stay-at-home wife, watches them several days a week.

I want to continue spending time with my grandkids, but I also want the freedom to be there when I choose to be. I realize finding a sitter you can afford and trust to watch your children is a challenge. I have tried talking to my son, but it doesn't seem to get through to him. I know I need to do something, but what? I'm afraid I won't see the kids at all if I take a stand.—LADY ON THE

LAKE IN MICHIGAN  
**DEAR LADY:** Check your calendar and plan some time for yourself—one or two weekends a month. Then tell your son and his wife which ones you will be AVAILABLE.

Free baby-sitting services are hard to come by, and you are not giving yourself enough credit. If the unspoken threat is that it's "all or nothing," then, frankly, you should step back further and let your son and daughter-in-law shoulder even more responsibility for the children they brought into this world.

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# Cruz homers in return to Texas, Orioles win, 8-3



**ARLINGTON, Texas** (AP)—Nelson Cruz hit a towering three-run homer in his return to Texas and the Baltimore Orioles won their third straight game, 8-3 over the Rangers on Tuesday night.

Cruz drove the first pitch from Shawn Tolleson deep into the left-field seats, capping a six-run Orioles outburst in the eighth. The slugger, who spent the previous eight seasons in Texas, is hitting .313 and leads the majors with 21 homers and 55 RBIs.

Adam Jones matched a career high with four hits, including a homer off the right-field pole leading off the Baltimore fourth. Rookie catcher Caleb Johnson had a tiebreaking RBI double in the eighth.

Brian Matusz (2-1) went 1 2-3 innings in relief of Ubaldo Jimenez, who held Texas to one run and four hits while striking out five over 5 2-3 innings.

Alexi Ogando (2-3), the second Texas reliever, got a popup to start the eighth before allowing three straight Orioles to reach.

## White Sox 4, Dodgers 1

In Los Angeles, Jose Abreu homered for the second straight game and Tyler Flowers also went deep to lead Chicago.

Yasiel Puig went 2 for 4 with a double for the Dodgers on the one-year anniversary of his major league debut.

Hector Noesi (1-3) ended a stretch of 19 winless starts, winning as a starter for the first time since May 6, 2012 with Seattle, after going 0-12 with a 5.42 ERA. The 27-year-old right-hander allowed a run and five hits over six innings with six strikeouts.

Former Dodgers reliever Ronald Belisario pitched a perfect ninth for his fourth save.

Dan Haren (5-4) gave up four runs on six hits through six innings.

## Athletics 5, Yankees 2

In New York, Brandon Moss hit his second homer of the game leading off the 10th inning, and Oakland rallied for the road win.

Returning to the lineup after missing two games with a strained right calf, Moss drilled a full-count pitch from Adam Warren (1-3) into the second deck down the right field line for his 15th homer. That gave the AL West-leading A's their first lead in a game that was delayed more than an hour at the start by rain.

Dan Otero (5-1) pitched an inning and Sean Doolittle finished off the A's fourth straight win with a perfect 10th for his sixth save.

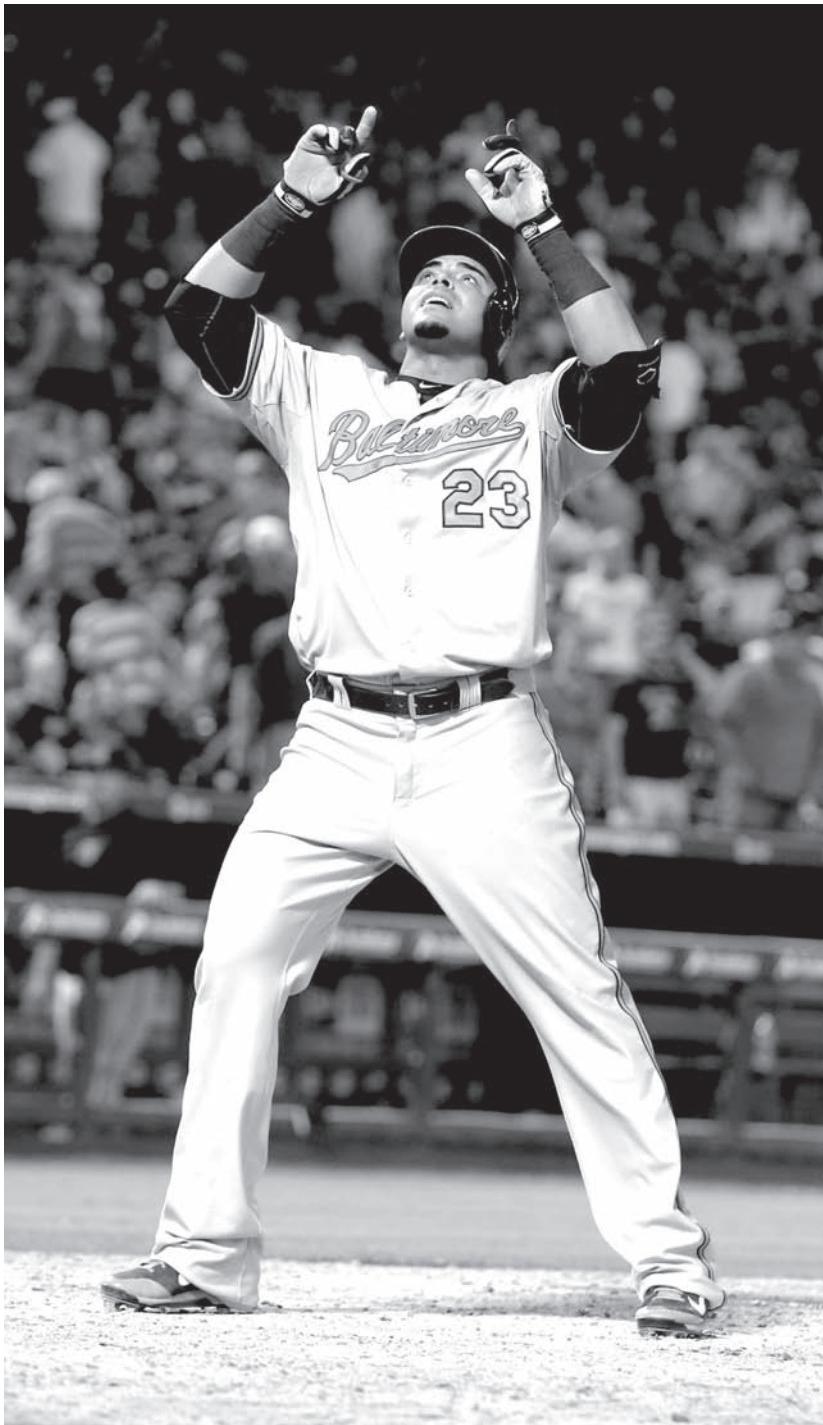
Mark Teixeira hit his 10th homer for the Yankees.

## Twins 6, Brewers 4

In Milwaukee, Josh Willingham hit a three-run homer and Minnesota beat Milwaukee in a game delayed when a fan fell into the Brewers' bullpen.

The game was held up at the start of the eighth inning after the man fell. He was carried on a stretcher out of the bullpen in left-center field, and the Brewers said he was conscious and alert.

The man had a brace around his neck as he was put on a cart on the warning track. He was wheeled off



AP  
Baltimore Orioles' Nelson Cruz celebrates at the plate after he hit a three-run home run in the eighth inning against the Texas Rangers in a baseball game Tuesday, June 3, 2014, in Arlington, Texas.

and taken to a hospital.

Willingham connected in the third off Yovani Gallardo (3-4) for a 4-1 lead. Samuel Deduno (2-3) got the win and Glen Perkins earned his 15th save.

## Royals 8, Cardinals 7

In St. Louis, Eric Hosmer hit a tiebreaking single off closer Trevor Rosenthal in the ninth inning and Kansas City earned its second straight road victory in the four-game, two-city series.

Rookie Kolten Wong's first career home run was a grand slam in the second that ended the Cardinals' 20-inning scoreless drought and gave them an early four-run cushion. The defending National League champions finished a dismal 2-7 homestand when their pitchers faltered.

Peter Bourjos' 422-foot homer put the Cardinals ahead 7-6 in the sixth. Alcides Escobar's bloop RBI single off Pat Neshek tied it in the eighth.

Omar Infante doubled off Rosenthal (0-3) with one out in the ninth ahead of Hosmer's hit.

Wade Davis (5-1) got the win and Greg Holland worked the ninth for his 16th save in 17 chances.

## Blue Jays 5, Tigers 3

In Detroit, Brett Lawrie's three-run homer highlighted a big burst for Toronto.

After eight scoreless innings be-

tween the AL East and AL Central leaders, both bullpens came unglued in the ninth. The Blue Jays broke through against Joe Nathan (2-2).

J.D. Martinez hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth for the Tigers. Casey Janssen came on and struck out Don Kelly for his ninth save in 10 chances.

Detroit's Anibal Sanchez and Toronto's Drew Hutchison each pitched seven impressive innings.

Dustin McGowan (3-2) worked the eighth for the win.

In his first season with the Tigers, Nathan's ERA is now an unsightly 6.86 after he was charged with four runs Tuesday.

## Pirates 4, Padres 1

In San Diego, Pedro Alvarez and Neil Walker hit home runs to back Gerrit Cole's solid outing for Pittsburgh.

Cole (6-3) limited the Padres to one run and four hits while striking out six in 5 2-3 innings as the Pirates went to 6-1 in his last seven starts. Pittsburgh won its third straight game and 10th in its last 14.

Jason Grilli pitched a scoreless ninth inning for his ninth save.

Jesse Hahn (0-1) lasted 2 2-3 innings in his major league debut. He allowed four runs on six hits, including the homers by Alvarez and Walker, striking out five with two walks.

The Padres lost for the third consecutive time and sunk a season-high seven games under .500.

## Nationals 7, Phillies 0

In Washington, Jordan Zimmermann rebounded from a mini-slump to throw eight crisp innings for Washington, and Ryan Zimmerman hit a pair of doubles and handled two chances with aplomb in his debut in left field.

Zimmermann (4-2) allowed five hits and struck out four, recovering well from four middling starts that had raised his usually impeccable ERA to 4.07. He got all the support he needed when the Nationals scored three in the third inning off David Buchanan (1-2), making his third career start.

Zimmerman went 2 for 4 with one RBI after being reinstated before the game following 44 games on the disabled list with a broken right thumb.

## Reds 8, Giants 3

In Cincinnati, Devin Mesoraco hit a two-run homer and Jay Bruce emerged from a slump by driving in a pair of runs, leading Cincinnati to a season-high fourth straight win.

Mesoraco hit his ninth homer off Tim Lincecum (4-5), who has beaten the Reds during the playoffs but never during the regular season. Bruce, who spent time on the disabled list following surgery for torn knee cartilage, knocked in his first run since April 25.

Homer Bailey (6-3) went six innings in his first game against the Giants since his no-hitter against them last July 2 at Great American Ball Park. The right-hander gave up three runs and five hits, including Hunter Pence's homer, double and single.

## Astros 7, Angels 2

In Houston, Jon Singleton homered in his major league debut for Houston.

Jason Castro and Robbie Grossman drove in two runs apiece as the Astros took the lead with a five-run third inning.

The Angels were done in by C.J. Wilson's lack of control. Wilson (6-5) walked a season-high five batters, including four in the third, in just 2 2-3 innings.

Josh Hamilton had a solo homer in the eighth inning in his return from the disabled list after breaking his left thumb on April 8. Fellow Angels outfielder Mike Trout was back after missing two games with a stiff back, but left in the second inning with more back trouble.

Collin Cowgill replaced Trout and homered in the eighth.

Houston starter Collin McHugh (4-3) allowed two hits over five scoreless innings to lower his ERA to 2.52.

## Mets 2, Cubs 1

In Chicago, Chris Coghlan homered in the eighth and Nate Schierholtz hit a game-ending RBI single for the Cubs.

Curtis Granderson had three hits for the Mets and drove in their run with a sacrifice fly in the first inning. The Mets failed to win a season-high four straight games.

Hector Rondon (1-1) pitched a scoreless ninth for the win.

Anthony Rizzo led off the bottom of the ninth with a single off Scott Rice (1-2). After New York third baseman David Wright was unable to turn a hard-hit grounder into a double play,

Schierholtz pulled a liner into the right-field corner.

## Diamondbacks 4, Rockies 2

In Denver, Nick Evans and Chris Owings hit back-to-back homers for Arizona, and rookie Chase Anderson won his fourth straight start.

Evans' solo shot in the fourth was his first homer since Sept. 3, 2011, when he was with the New York Mets. Four pitches later, Owings hit another off Jorge De La Rosa (6-4).

Anderson (4-0) didn't overpower the Rockies so much as keep them guessing, throwing six effective innings in his longest outing since he was recalled from Triple-A Reno on May 6. He becomes the fifth rookie since 1998 to win his opening four starts.

Addison Reed pitched a wobbly ninth—surrendering a solo homer to Troy Tulowitzki—for his 15th save.

## Marlins 1, Rays 0

In Miami, Henderson Alvarez needed only 88 pitches to toss an eight-hitter for his third shutout this year, and Miami sent reeling Tampa Bay home after a winless eight-game trip.

The only run scored when Christian Yelich walked on a full-count pitch with two out and the bases loaded in the fifth inning.

Alvarez (3-3) struck out five and walked none in his third consecutive scoreless outing, a stretch covering 19 innings. He retired his last five batters to close out the win in 2 hours, 10 minutes.

The right-hander's three shutouts lead the majors.

The Rays went 0 for 3 with runners in scoring position and are hitless in their past 22 at-bats in those situations. They've scored six runs in their past six games.

## Mariners 7, Braves 5

In Atlanta, John Buck had three hits, including a tiebreaking two-run homer in the seventh inning that helped Seattle rally for its fourth straight win.

The Braves led 4-0 in the first inning and 5-2 in the second before falling to the Mariners' comeback. Buck's first homer of the season came off Alex Wood (5-6).

The Turner Field air, normally thick with humidity, was unusually dry and that helped the teams combine for four homers.

Seattle pinch-hitter Stefen Romero hit a three-run homer in the fourth that tied it at 5. Evan Gattis and B.J. Upton homered for the Braves.

Dominic Leone (2-0) had four strikeouts in two perfect innings for the win.

## Indians 5, Red Sox 3

In Cleveland, Michael Bourn hit a tie-breaking two-run double in the seventh inning, helping Cleveland to its season-high fifth straight win.

Bourn's double off Andrew Miller sent the Red Sox to their second straight loss after winning seven consecutive games.

Nick Hagadone (1-0) struck out three in 1 1-3 innings. Cody Allen recorded the final four outs for his fifth save, striking out former Indians All-Star Grady Sizemore to end the game.

Jake Peavy (1-3) allowed five runs in 6 1-3 innings for Boston. The right-hander, who hasn't won since April 25, gave up three runs in the first, but held the Indians scoreless until the seventh.

# Spurs get rest, home-court—and chance at revenge

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 When last season's NBA Finals ended, San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich was all smiles.

For a few minutes, that is.

Popovich's first order of business after the season's final buzzer sounded in Miami was to go and embrace Erik Spoelstra, LeBron James and Dwyane Wade, giving everyone hearty hugs and offering genuine words of congratulations after the Heat topped his Spurs in Game 7 of one of the most dramatic, thrilling championship series in league history.

The pain of losing started setting in later, and lasted for months. But now, the dream scenario for San Antonio has arrived.

Starting Thursday, the Spurs get a rematch in the NBA Finals against the only team to ever beat them in a championship series. San Antonio will be holding home-court advantage, so if another Game 7 awaits, the Spurs will have the decided edge this time around. If that wasn't enough, the Spurs even got basically five full days between games to get healthy and prepare.

It is, without question, everything the Spurs could have wanted.

"We know what we're going against," said Spurs guard Tony Parker, who added that he has great respect for what the Heat have done in this four-year run. "It's a great challenge."

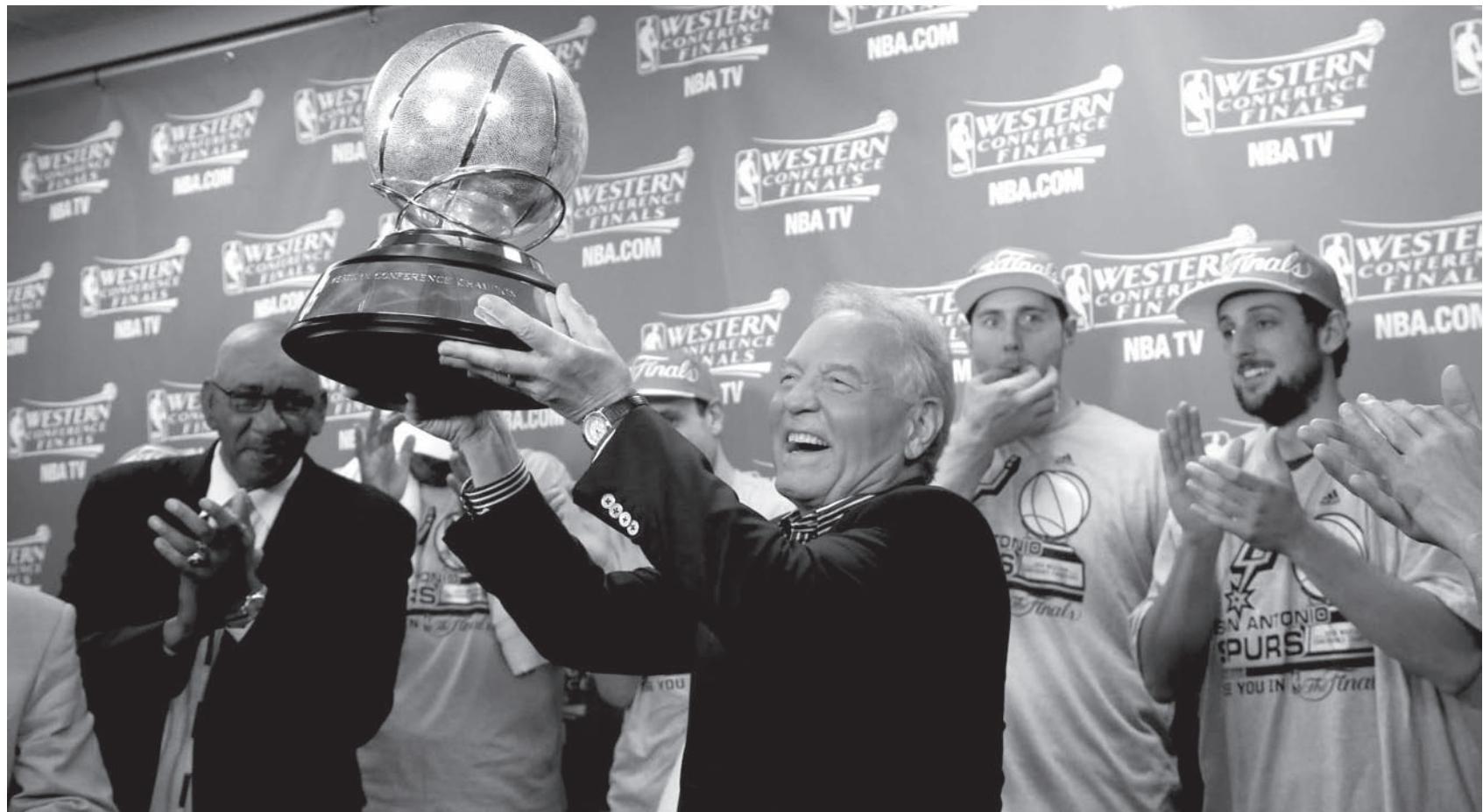
There are so many things that would seem like a distinct San Antonio advantage right now.

First, while everyone's better at home, the Spurs dominate in San Antonio, winning 103 times in their last 123 games there. Over the past four seasons, the Spurs are also 25-5 when having three or more days between games.

Maybe most importantly, having nearly a week between the end of the Western Conference finals and the start of the NBA Finals gives Parker plenty of time to get his ailing left ankle ready to go for Game 1.

"I'll do my best," said Parker, who didn't practice Tuesday but is hoping to play in the series opener, as the Heat expect he will.

This is San Antonio's sixth trip to the NBA Finals. The Spurs won it all in 1999, 2003, 2005 and 2007, the last title in that run coming when San Antonio swept a Cleveland team that fea-



San Antonio Spurs owner Peter Holt holds up the Western Conference trophy following Game 6 of the Western Conference finals NBA basketball playoff series between the Spurs and the Oklahoma City Thunder in Oklahoma City, Saturday, May 31, 2014.

tured a young LeBron James making his debut on the league's biggest stage.

James is no finals apprentice anymore. He's been to the title round three times since, winning the last two. And James is quick to point out that the Spurs aren't the only team fueled by hunger in this championship round.

"Both teams have motivating factors," James said. "They have a motivating factor. We have our own."

Losing the finals is one thing.

Losing the way the Spurs did last June, that's something else.

Forget Game 7 for a moment. Game 6 will be replayed for as long as there are replays, unforgettable for both how the Heat rallied and how the Spurs collapsed. A 10-point lead going into the fourth quarter was erased, in part because Mike Miller scored three points on one shot while wearing one shoe. And a five-point lead with 28.2 seconds left, well, you know the rest.

Manu Ginobili misses a free throw. James makes a 3-pointer. Kawhi Leonard makes one of two free throws. James misses a 3-pointer. Chris Bosh out jumps Ginobili for the rebound.

Ray Allen started backpedaling to the right corner, hoping for a chance.

ABC's Mike Breen described what happened next like this: "Rebound Bosh ... back out to Allen ... his 3-pointer ... BANG!!! Tie game!"

The Heat went on to win in overtime that night, then found a way to win Game 7 and the title, 95-88. When this season began, Popovich started camp by showing his team Games 6 and 7, painful as it was.

"I try to learn something every game I watch," Popovich said. "That's what we do."

And while there were plenty of teams that looked like contenders this season, neither club was surprised that the end result is the first NBA Finals rematch since 1998.

"We got wined and dined with some of the other teams that kind of popped up and showed greatness throughout the year," Allen said.

"The Clippers looked great. OKC, they had their issues and then they popped up. Memphis looked good at the end of the year. Indiana was always hovering. But if you go back to the beginning of the year, most people said the same thing. Pop knew how to manage his team to get to this point. Same thing with us."

In other words, maybe Spurs-Heat II was meant to be.

"It was," Allen said.

## Oden hoping for chance at 'the other trophy'

**MIAMI (AP)**—It's become a tradition. When the Miami Heat win an Eastern Conference championship, managing general partner Micky Arison accepts the trophy and quickly hands it to someone who hasn't experienced that moment before.

In 2012, it was Norris Cole.

Last year, it was Chris Andersen.

This time, the moment went to Greg Oden.

Seven years after entering the league amid great fanfare and expectation, Oden—the No. 1 pick in the 2007 draft before knee injuries derailed his career—is heading to the NBA Finals for the first time. He grinned while holding the trophy throughout the celebration after the East finals were over, posing with it alongside tennis stars Serena Williams and Caroline Wozniacki, then retreated to the Heat locker room to dance with teammates.

"I was happy," Oden said. "I've never been here before, never won that before. So it was just an enjoyable night, and now it's time to go get the other trophy."

That other trophy is the Larry O'Brien Trophy, presented to the NBA champion. The Heat and San Antonio Spurs will start vying for it when the NBA Finals begin in Texas on Thursday night, a rematch of last year's seven-game series that ended with LeBron James, Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade celebrating their second straight championship as Miami teammates.

"Those guys are definitely going for their legacy," Oden said. "I'm trying to get one. They've already got one. I'm just trying to get this first one. So I don't care if it's their third or sixth - as long as I get one, I'm happy."

Arison said he loved the joy that the East-title moment brought to Oden. Teammates noticed as well, and while all the first-time East champions like Toney Douglas, Michael Beasley and Justin Hamilton also reveled in the accomplishment, some Heat players thought it was especially fitting that Oden held the trophy after all he's gone through health-wise since turning pro.

"That's what we're all about, man," James said. "That was big-time. We kind of just sat in the back and let the guys who haven't been a part of this kind of enjoy it. Like I said, we didn't take it for granted. We were very excited about it."

There's an irony in that the Spurs and the Heat are the last two teams standing this season.

Both were in the mix to land Oden last summer, and the Spurs made a compelling argument that nearly tipped the scales in their favor.

Oden was attracted to the idea of learning from Tim Duncan, the San Antonio star who is widely considered one best power forwards to ever play the game. The notion of playing for Spurs coach Gregg Popovich also appealed to Oden.

In the end, Oden picked the place where he figured he would have the best

chance of winning a championship.

"If we win, I guess it was the right place," Oden said.

How much Oden plays in this series is anyone's guess. He played the last 4 1/2 minutes of the Game 6 blowout win that clinched the East title against Indiana, his only appearance in this postseason.

Oden played in 23 regular-season games with Miami, and wasn't in either of the two matchups against San Antonio. This season was difficult for Oden, who worked diligently to get his knees right, then was bothered in the final month before the playoffs by an unrelated back issue.

He said he's ready to go if Heat coach Erik Spoelstra needs him.

"I want to win the finals," Oden said. "I'm here. Later on down the line, nobody is going to remember who lost. They're only going to remember the champion. So that's the No. 1 thing."

Oden confessed that he has allowed himself the chance to daydream about what the moment with "the other trophy" would be like.

Four more wins, and that dream becomes reality.

"It'd mean we're the champions of the world, the best basketball team this year," Oden said. "That's what it's about, playing your best basketball when this time comes, who the best team is. I'm part of this team and that's what they brought me here for, to help get another ring. I'm just happy to be a part of it."

## Spurs' Parker plans to play in NBA Finals Game 1

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)**—Tony Parker plans to play in Game 1 of the NBA Finals.

The San Antonio Spurs open their rematch with the Miami Heat on Thursday, and their star point guard is nursing a balky left ankle.

"He's getting better every day, and I expect him to play," coach Gregg Popovich said Tuesday.

Parker aggravated the injury Saturday, missing the second half of San Antonio's series-clinching victory over Oklahoma City in the Western Conference finals.

Parker didn't practice Tuesday, but said he expects to be back Wednesday.

Parker is averaging a team-leading 17.2 points and 4.9 assists this postseason but has been bothered by injuries the past two rounds.

"I always try to be honest with Pop,"

# French semis: Sharapova-Bouchard, Djokovic-Gulbis



## PARIS (AP) —

This is what Maria Sharapova does. She digs herself a big

hole in a match, then figures a way out, no matter what it takes.

She hits shots left-handed. Takes her time between points. Pumps her fists and screams "Come on!" after her opponent's mistakes. And wins.

Did it in the fourth round at the French Open, turning things around by winning the last nine games. Did it Tuesday, too, reeling off nine of the last 10 games to put together a 1-6, 7-5, 6-1 victory over 35th-ranked Garbine Muguruza of Spain that put 2012 champion Sharapova in the semifinals at Roland Garros for the fourth consecutive year.

"When you just don't feel like anything is going your way, you want to try to find a little door to get into," Sharapova said. "Once you start feeling, you know, like you got your foot in the door, then it's a little bit easier."

After beating one 20-year-old, Sharapova now faces another, 18th-seeded Eugenie Bouchard of Canada, who earned a semifinal spot for the second straight Grand Slam tournament.

Like Sharapova, Bouchard was not fazed by falling behind

in the quarterfinals. Bouchard trailed 5-2 in the first set, and 4-1 in the third, but beat No. 14 Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain 7-6 (4), 2-6, 7-5.

"I'm just proud," Bouchard said, "of the way I stayed in there."

Tuesday's men's quarterfinals offered far less intrigue. No. 2 Novak Djokovic kept up his bid to complete a career Grand Slam by muting Milos Raonic's dangerous serve and defeating the eighth-seeded Canadian 7-5, 7-6 (5), 6-4. Djokovic's next opponent is No. 18 Ernest Gulbis of Latvia, who followed his victory over Roger Federer with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 win over No. 6 Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic.

Djokovic, 27, and Gulbis, 25, go way back, having overlapped in their early teens at a German tennis academy. Their paths quickly diverged, with Djokovic focusing on tennis and thriving, to the tune of six major titles. Gulbis admits he enjoyed the nightlife too much for his game's good.

Only recently did Gulbis realize he needed to take his job more seriously.

"It's really important, for my happiness, just to be successful on the tennis court," Gulbis said. "Forget about the money. Forget about fame. It's just about my inner comfort. That's it."

Djokovic will be playing in

his 22nd career Grand Slam semifinal; Gulbis in his first.

Similarly, Sharapova is headed to her 18th, Bouchard her second. Bouchard is 7 years younger, and tracked Sharapova's career from afar.

"First I noticed, like, her cute dresses and things like that when I was young," said Bouchard, who recalled being a spectator at a tournament in Florida as a youngster and posing for a photo with Sharapova.

"She, of course, is very strong mentally. It is one of her strengths, I think," Bouchard said. "I'm just looking forward to the challenge."

For 18 miserable minutes against Muguruza, Sharapova did nothing right. She lost 15 of the first 20 points and fell behind 4-0.

"I thought, 'I'm going to win,'" said Muguruza, who was one game away at 5-4 in the second.

Then, serving at 5-all, Muguruza went ahead 30-love.

"Suddenly, I had the impression that it was so easy," Muguruza said. "Maybe I relaxed a little."

She double-faulted, opening the door. Sharapova barged through, hitting a pair of backhand winners, then forcing Muguruza's forehand error, to get the break.

"I'm sure she feels like she has a good chance of getting



Russia's Maria Sharapova returns the ball to Spain's Garbine Muguruza during their quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

that game in the bag," Sharapova said, "and all of a sudden, I'm serving for the set."

Brushing off a warning

from the chair umpire for taking too much time between points, Sharapova broke to go ahead 2-1 in the third, her

first lead. In the next game, Sharapova saved five break points to hold for 3-1. And that was that.

## BANMI fundraiser tourney for Micro Games starts today



The Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands' fundraising basketball tournament for the 2014 Micronesian Games will kick off today at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The fundraiser, which is for the CNMI men's and women's teams competing in the Micro Games next month in Pohnpei, will have two divisions—the men's and co-ed.

The CNMI Men's National Team will battle the Anderson Bombers, Hoops, I Love Saipan, Blue Haus, and Mariana Resort in the men's divi-

sion, while the co-ed field has the CNMI Women's Nationals, MHS Freshmen, Junior Nationals, and the Rollers.

The CNMI Women's Nationals and the MHS Freshmen will play in today's first game at 5pm, while the second match at 7pm will have Mariana Resort challenging the Hoops. In the final game tonight at 8:30pm, I Love Saipan will take on Blue Haus.

Games in the fundraiser will run throughout this weekend with the finals in both divisions set for 9am and 11am this Sunday.

The tournament will charge a spectator fee of \$1 and there will be raffle drawings, 3-point contest, half court shot for spectators, and lots of other giveaways. Around \$3,000 worth of raffle prizes are at stake in the

four-day tournament.

"The future of CNMI basketball seeks your assistance and support so that we may have the greatest opportunity to represent the CNMI with pride," BANMI said in a press statement.

For more information, contact tournament director Abner Venus or CNMI national coach Elias Rangamar at 888-3215/989-5225 or send email to abnervenus1@gmail.com/eli\_rang@yahoo.com. (PR)

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### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	35	24	.593	—
Baltimore	29	27	.518	4½
New York	29	28	.509	5
Boston	27	31	.466	7½
Tampa Bay	23	36	.390	12

##### Central Division

Detroit	31	23	.574	—
Chicago	30	30	.500	4
Cleveland	29	30	.492	4½
Kansas City	28	30	.483	5
Minnesota	27	29	.482	5

##### West Division

Oakland	36	22	.621	—
Los Angeles	30	27	.526	5½
Seattle	30	28	.517	6
Texas	29	29	.500	7
Houston	25	34	.424	11½

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### East Division

Atlanta	31	26	.544	—
Miami	30	28	.517	1½
Washington	28	28	.500	2½
New York	28	30	.483	3½
Philadelphia	24	32	.429	6½

##### Central Division

Milwaukee	35	24	.593	—
St. Louis	30	29	.508	5
Pittsburgh	28	30	.483	6½
Cincinnati	27	29	.482	6½
Chicago	21	34	.382	12

##### West Division

San Francisco	37	21	.638	—
Los Angeles	31	29	.517	7
Colorado	28	29	.491	8½
San Diego	26	33	.441	11½
Arizona	24	36	.400	14

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sion and women's field's Nicole Malasarte, Mykki Caracut, Toshiko Obata, Windy Fernandez, Hannah Choi, and Jannelle Pangilinan.

Pangilinan, who won last year's women's B singles title, made it to the finals of the women's A singles this time after thwarting Lanie Bartolome in the semifinals last Saturday, 21-13, 12-21, 21-16. The Community Badminton Club youth player will be tested against

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The new champion squad leaned on the 696 three-game performance of Manacop to triumph this year. Manacop, who had 191 in Game 1 closed out strong in the short series with his 200-plus pinfalls in the last two games (260 and 239). His 260 was the highest in the field and his three-game total also topped the 24-player competition.

Angeles was the second best scorer on the winning team with his 593 (197, 205, and 191), followed by Leong with 545 (170, 210, and 165), and Musca with 481 (158, 191, and 132). Du-mapit led the runner-up squad with his 617, Castro carded 564, while Omechelang and Pangilinan registered 527 and 503, respectively.

Completing the Top 3 were

the veteran and three-time champion Choi, who cruised past Havikka Farro in the other semis pairing, 21-7, 21-7.

In the women's C singles, it will be Malasarte versus Caracut. Malasarte defeated Patricia Abantao in straight games, 21-11, 21-9, and Caracut also took the short route in eliminating Roxe Lazaro, 21-13, 21-18.

Malasarte was aiming for her second finals appearance, but was frustrated by Windy Fernandez, who pulled off a 21-17, 14-21, 21-17 triumph over the former in the second

team of Ronald Batac, Jorge Soledad, Edward Baluyan, and Lito Teodoro, who combined for 2,135. Cash prizes were handed to the Top 3 finishers during the awards ceremony at the Nami Bar of the Kanoa Resort, while the champions also received trophies. Five other squads joined the team event.

In the women's team event, new winners also emerged with Janice, Carrie, and Diana Camacho, and the returning Emi Williams earning 1,988 pinfalls to prevail against Kathy Mersai, Gigi Zapanta, Ron Cal, and Gloria Omechelang (1,931).

Diana Camacho anchored her team's victory after recording 522 pinfalls (159, 211, and 152). Duplicating her mother's 500-plus game was Carrie, who nailed 501 (166, 163, and

172), while Williams and Janice Camacho logged 499 (176, 153, and 170) and 466 (149, 183, and 134) pinfalls, respectively.

Omechelang had 500-plus pinfalls, too to pace the runner-up squad. Mersai and Cal registered 484 apiece, while Zapanta earned 440.

Lori Terre, Dianne Chong, Lynn Santos, and Mersai rounded out the Top 3 after gathering 1,921 pinfalls. Last year's champions Elena Soll, Yho Villavicencio, Lala Taitano, and Tess Fabie dropped to fourth place with their 1,911 pinfalls, while the quartet of Sue Ellis

# MISO Girls Fast-pitch Softball League Finals

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



A Marianas High School runner tries to beat the Saipan Southern High School catcher at home plate during Game 1 of their title duel in the 2013-2014 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Fast-pitch Softball League last Saturday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.



A Saipan Southern High School batter waits for the pitch.



Marianas High School's second baseman picks up a grounder, while a Saipan Southern High School runner reaches base safely.



Marianas High School's catcher throws the leather back to the pitch after a low ball.



Marianas High School's Jayna Lizama catches a throw from home plate.



A Marianas High School's batter motions for a bunt.



Marianas High School and Saipan Southern High School players are at first base, waiting for the next play.



Saipan Southern High School's Annalisa Blas throws a pitch, while a Marianas High School runner is getting ready to run from second to third base.



The Marianas High School coach talks to his players during a brief break.



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# Macario survives foe to enter finals

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**C**ommunity Badminton Club's Eze-  
kiel Macario endured a three-game  
semis duel against Saipan Badminton  
Club's Kelvin Young Son to march  
into the finals of the men's singles B division  
of the 2014 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles  
Badminton Tournament last Sunday at the TSL  
Sports Complex.

Macario drew first blood in  
the second Final Four pairing,  
21-14, but failed to close out  
the match early, as Son came  
out swinging in  
the second game  
with a 21-17  
victory. In the  
deciding third  
game, Macario  
regained his form to foil Son's  
upset bid. Macario advanced to  
the semis after topping Group  
2, while Son placed second in  
Group 1.

Deether Edralin was the first  
finisher in Group 1 and lived up

to his lofty billing after sweep-  
ing Group 2 second placer Joel  
Ortega in the first semis game  
last Sunday, 21-17, 21-18.  
Edralin will battle  
Macario in the winner-take-all finale  
this Saturday.

Joining Macario  
and Ortega in the  
finalists list after winning their  
respective semis matches were  
Patrick Fernandez, Raphael  
Zapanta, Andreau Galvez, and  
Ferdie Arago in the men's divi-



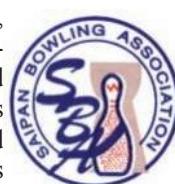
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## New winners in May Masters' team event

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The foursome of Simon Manacop, Richard Leong, Rusty Musca, and Raymond Angeles spoiled the three-peat bid of its rival team in the 32nd CNMI May Masters Tournament.

Manacop and company collected 2,315 pinfalls to beat the 2,211 of back-to-back cham-



pions Alex Castro, Raul Dumapit, Paul Pangilinan, and Percy Omechelang in the team event of the annual competition held late last month at the Saipan Bowling Center. Manacop and his three other teammates avenged their loss to the same team last year besides averting the three-peat.

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Team event champions, from left, Simon Manacop, Richard Leong, Rusty Musca, and Raymond Angeles, pose with their trophies during the awards ceremony for the 32nd CNMI May Masters Tournament last month at the Nami Bar of the Kanoa Resort.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Ezekiel Macario receives a low return from Kelvin Young Son during their semis game in the men's B singles division of the IT&E badminton tournament last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.

## I Love Saipan moves closer to q'finals round

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I Love Saipan boosted its chances for an outright quarterfinals berth in the 2014 DLX/IT&E Invitational Basketball League after defeating Pogi Problems, 96-79, last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

The victory was the third in four games for I Love Saipan, putting them in a tie for second place with Saipan Ice & Water in Group A. Only the Top 2 teams in the group will automatically march into the quarterfinals and Ali'i had already secured the first seat with its pool best 5-0 win-loss mark. I Love Saipan and Saipan Ice squared off last night in the penultimate game of the regular season for the second automatic Round of 8 slot. The loser of the I Love Saipan-Saipan Ice tiff will join San Roque (2-3), Pogi Problems (1-4), and Garapan (0-5) in the battle for the last two quarterfinals berths in Group A.

I Love Saipan peppered Pogi Problems with triples to cruise to the 17-point win. Ben Pelisamen led I Love Saipan's hot shooting from downtown, as he drained seven triples and finished with 23 points. He missed his first five attempts from rain-

bow territory before knocking in back-to-back triples to end the first half with I Love Saipan ahead, 38-30.

Pelisamen's two straight treys capped I Love Saipan's 8-1 windup in the last three minutes of the second period. Before his consecutive triples, Pelisamen's team was holding a shaky 30-29 lead, as siblings Abba and Fermín Tagle kept Pogi Problems afloat, asserting their might in the paint. However, Pogi Problems failed to keep its momentum in the closing minutes of the first half, while Pelisamen found his touch late in the second to give I Love Saipan more cushion.

Pelisamen then sat out in the majority of the third period and was scoreless, but his teammates took over, giving I Love Saipan a double-digit spread, 62-52, entering the final quarter. In the final canto, Pelisamen started for I Love Saipan and nailed five more triples.

Pogi Problems gave Pelisamen and other I Love Saipan player a lot of open looks from beyond the arc and the former paid the price, as the latter's last six field goals all came from the 3-point area.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
I Love Saipan's Derrick Manglona stops and pops for a short jumper against Pogi Problems' Jomar Manzano during the second quarter of their game in the DLX/IT&E caging last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



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win, 8-3**  
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